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San Francisco Ward

Gary Owen Wins Top Spot in Exam For Merit Award

By Dick Lloyd

Gary Wilford Owen, 17, of the San Francisco Ward has been named a semi-finalist in nation-wide scholastic competition. Gary is a senior at Washington High School.

Participating in the National Merit Scholarship Corp. academic achievement tests, Gary placed in the upper one-half of one per cent of all participants. The examination is open to all students in the junior year throughout the nation.

Specifically, the scoring which Gary achieved represents the highest rating which can be acquired in the examination. There are other finalists who received the same top mark also.

As a finalist in competition with the finest minds of high school age, Gary is eligible for one of 1,000 scholarships awarded to the best of the finalists.

Five categories are contained in the four-hour examination: English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Natural science, and word usage. In each category Gary scored in the highest percentile.

The NMSC is an organization through which businesses and corporations contribute funds for college scholarships. Each scholarship can be used by the winner in any college or university of his choice.

Quite unusually, Gary took the examination while living in Munich, Germany with his parents. Gary's father, Donald Owen, is a member of the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Germany. He is currently stationed at Fort Mason.

Redwood City Ward

Woodside Hi Girls Win Talent Prize

Lynn Enger and Tena Hermansen, seniors at Woodside High School, Redwood City, won second spot on Ben Alexander's Talent Show, Channel 2, March 3, with their guitar and singing act.

Lynn is a member of the Redwood City Ward. She plans to attend the BYU after her graduation from high school. She is a talented pianist as well as guitarist and teaches beginning piano.

LABOR MISSIONARIES—Bishop D. Ross McClellan, Hayward Ward, goes to Mexico and Central America with his wife, Margaret.

Walnut Creek Ward

Ward Fete Marks 15th Anniversary Of Walnut Creek Chapel Dedication

By LOIS H. BUTLER

Walnut Creek Ward celebrated its 15th birthday with an annual birthday party Mar. 31. Walnut Creek Branch was organized in 1946 with Kenneth D. Jensen, now of the stake presidency, as branch president. He became the first bishop when the ward was organized in 1948. Robert Larson became the second bishop in 1951 and Mark E. Bickley, the third and present bishop in 1955. Bishop Larson inaugurated the first birthday party in 1956 to celebrate the completion of the chapel in 1955. Since then Pleasant Hill, Lafayette-Orinda, and Danville Wards have been formed from the Walnut Creek Ward.

There will be a home cooked dinner under the able chairmanship of Marjean Williams and an appropriate program planned by the Mutual. The 45-minute program will consist of acts based on humorous incidents concerning the bishopric and ward members, all tied together in a novel way. Two numbers will be from the dance festival.

CHARM NIGHT

The mutual held a successful Charm Night, Mar. 14 for all the girls. Mothers have commented

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D. Ross McClellan To Labor Mission —Heads Building

Bishop D. Ross McClellan and his wife Margaret recently accepted a call to fulfill a work mission for the Church. Bishop McClellan will be superintendent of construction for Mexico and Central America. The family will live in Mexico City, where Bishop McClellan will have his headquarters. He has been bishop of Hayward Ward.

At the present time, there are over 7,000 Church members in Mexico City alone. Bishop McClellan will work under the Church Building Committee, headed by brother Wendell Mendenhall, and he will be under the direction supervision of brother Dyke Walton.

The Church has three main programs in Mexico and Central America. They are: Missionary work, presided over by the Mission President; schools, presided over by the Superintendent of schools; and construction which will be presided over by Bishop McClellan.

He will be responsible for finishing the existing work, and going on with the projects that are planned. This building program is quite extensive.

MANY CALLED

Many are being called to work missions and will work under McClellan. They in turn will have under their supervision native young men from the mission who will be called on labor missions.

The mission presidency will indicate to Elder McClellan the areas in which buildings are needed and the priority in which they are wanted. The construction superintendent then takes over, chooses and secures the site, designs the building and so on. Some of the work will be done by direct contract, and the rest will be done by the labor missionaries.

The first project will be the construction of a Mission Home for the headquarters of the Mission in Mexico City. Also to be constructed soon is a building similar to our two-ward buildings.

Bishop McClellan's father was born in Mexico in one of the Latter-day Saint colonies; he was a refugeee to Arizona in 1912. The family moved to Santa Monica in 1921. Bishop McClellan was called to the Mexican Mission in 1934 and, because of the division of the Mission was released from the Spanish American Mission in 1936. He moved to the Bay Area in 1937.

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Alameda Ward

Tolmans Leave For Salt Lake, Temple Work

Nathan and LaRee Tolman, who have lived in the Bay Area for the past 34 years will be leaving Berkeley soon for Salt Lake City. There they will work in the Salt Lake temple and genealogical library.

In 1957, the Tolmans were called to serve as administrator-Missionaries at the Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial, Sharon, Vermont.

Both Nate and LaRee have always been active in church work. Some of the capacities in which Nate served were: High Council, Sunday School, Scouting, Stake Mission, and Bishopric.

LaRee served as president of Elmhurst YWMIA, in the primary presidency, and in the Oakland Stake YWMIA presidency. She was also active in Relief Society presidencies of two wards.

Nate was with the Oakland Public schools and recreation department for 31 years.

COURT OF HONOR—Scout Troop 738, Castro Valley Second Ward, who received awards at a recent Court of Honor held in the ward chapel. Front row, left to right: Committee Chairman Herman Christensen, Scoutmaster George Blazin, Ken Reading, Craig Reading, Stephen Duarte, Lindley Ferchel, Jimmy Wellman, Steve Noia, Keith Blazin, Leonard Hancock, assistant scoutmaster, and secretary Howard Johnson.

Back row, left to right; Roland Reading committee member, Norman Phillips, Bill Ostler, Steve Hancock, Gordon Johnson, Jim Frankum, David Adams, Randy Parker, Rod Christensen, Robert Berry and Committeeman Tom Phillips.

Fifty-five merit badges were awarded, one boy advanced to Life scout, one to Star, one to 1st class and two to 2nd class. The troop has been organized less than six months and members of the committee are all parents of the boys.

Photo by Chuck Ruiz

The Banner

Plans Set for Laurel-Ensign Weekend Fete

By Annette Morley

Definite plans for the Laurel-Ensign three-day weekend on April 21-23 have been made.

For the first day of the weekend a picnic and dance have been scheduled. The picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Roberts Park in East Oakland.

The Stake plans to furnish the hot dogs, buns and punch. Each ward has to furnish enough salad and cake or cookies for their own ward.

Everyone is urged to bring lanterns and straightened hangers.

Entertainment will be furnished by each ward. There is no fee for attending this picnic or dance.

On Saturday, Apr. 22, the three stakes will hold dinners individually within the stakes, preceeding the Tri-Stake dance which will be held at the Interstake Center at 8:30 p.m.

The dress for the dance is dressy-dress for the girls and suits and ties for the boys.

Concluding the three day weekend will be a testimony meeting held Sunday, Apr. 23, in the Oakland 4th Ward chapel from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m., for all three stakes.

SIGNATURE QUILT—The San Lorenzo 2nd Ward Primary, under Sister Lois Debenham, president, recently made and presented a quilt to former Bishop and Mrs. Don Low Smith during a ward dinner sponsored by the Primary. The gift was in appreciation for all Bishop Smith and his family did for the members of the ward. Ward members contributed to the event and their names were written on the quilt. Proceeds went to the ward building fund.

—Photo by Al Scheuller.

L. A. Temple Record Set On Birthday

A record number of endowments was performed Mar. 4, in the Los Angeles Temple, commemorating the fifth anniversary of its dedication. Twenty-two temple sessions were held beginning at six a.m., with an average attendance of 298 per session.

There were 6,556 endowments performed for the dead, a record in Church history. Of these, 3204 were for men, 3352 for women, enough to make two complete stakes of Zion.

Is Genealogy and Temple Work Important to Your Salvation?

By FLORENCE D. MARSHALL

(Ed. note: This is the first of a series of articles by Sister Marshall. She has been a professional genealogy researcher for the Salt Lake City Genealogical Society, and has done considerable research on ancient temples in both the old and the new worlds.)

Existence continues on unbroken into the spirit world. Spirits are immortal and existed in a pre-earthly stage. In mortality we are supplied with bodies; in death the physical tabernacles are temporarily laid aside, but our identity continues in a post-mortal state. We might say that when we were born into this world, it is a passing or death from the premortal life, just as physical death is a passing into the life to come. If the spirit continues on, we are not really dead, we've just experienced a birth into another existence. We do not believe that the life to come dooms us to inactivity. We can find no reference where God makes a distinction betwen the living and the dead. All are His children. We should always think of our loved ones as living and active.

Our dead should be as dear to us as our living relatives. Do we think any less of a husband, or wife, parents, child, or brother and sister just because that person has preceded us into the Great Beyond? Are their names erased from or left off our records just because they are dead? No! As time goes on the memories of them become very dear to us. We know that God's plan provides for a reuniting of members of a family who were properly united here. If this could not be done by our progenitors, it may be by proxy. Family ties and obligations will continue just as here.

DEPENDENT ON US

The dead are dependent upon us, and only we can supply their wants. As Latter-day Saints we know that certain ordinances are necessary for the highest degree of glory, and as they involve the physical body, they must be performed in this life. Hence the necessity for temples for work for both the living and dead. Do you know that you are under great responsibility to those dead who are related to you through blood

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Temple Schedule

The schedule of the Los Angeles Temple was revised Feb. 1, to include several new sessions each week. The Messenger advises that this schedule be clipped out and filed for future reference.

ENDOWMENTS: Tues. through Fri. sessions start at 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m, 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm
Saturday sessions start at 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m,, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.
SPANISH SESSION: 1st Saturday, 2:15 p.m.
GERMAN SESSION: 4th Saturday, 2:15 p.m.
Living endowments, Marriages and Sealings: **8:00 a.m. only.**
SPECIAL SESSION: Sat., Dec. 30, 1961, 8:00 a.m. only.
TEMPLE CLOSED EVERY MONDAY—Names issued to 15 minutes before session starting time.
BAPTISM: By Stake appointment only.
SEALINGS: For the dead, by Stake appointment only.
SCHEDULE: Opened Jan. 3,
Closed for Conference Apr. 6, 7, 8 and Sept. 29, 30.
Closes for summer July 1-Aug. 7. Opens Aug. 8.
Closes for year Dec. 23, reopens Jan. 2, 1952.
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My Testimony

Eternal Triumph...

By MABEL B. LIDDELL

Can we look out on greening hillsides dotted with spring's spontaneous blossoms without being reminded of the certainity of a resurrection? Surely heaven-planned, this array of nature's glory is divine setting for commemmoration of the Savior's sacrifice and eternal triumph over death. Dear to our hearts are the accounts of Jesus' return in a resurrected body as given in the Bible and his visit to this continent in 34 A. D. as recorded in the Book of Mormon. Then again, verification of these eternal truths in the words of a modern Prophet, recorded February 16, 1832:

> "And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him; That he lives! For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only begotten of the Father.
> "That by him,and through him, the worlds are and were created and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God." D. & C. 76:22-24

A glimpse into life eternal has been given many faithful Latter-day Saints in our generation. One of these is recalled at this Easter time by Arlene Croft, a young Relief Society teacher in Mission Ward. She relates the following:

"My mother had rheumatic fever when she was young which caused severe heart damage. She always had to use care in her physical activity and was ill a number of times because of her weakened heart. When I was about ten years old she had a bad heart attack and was confined to her bed for some time. The doctor said he had done all that he could do. One day, when she was desperately ill, mother felt like her spirit was floating away from her, down into a deep dark hole. As the elders from the Church laid their hands on her head to give her a blessing she felt as though her spirit was being lifted out of the dark hole. After that she got well.

Shortly after this, my little sister Phyllis, who was about two and a half years old, found mother's digitalis pills in the back of a dresser drawer where they had been carefully concealed. She swallowed about twenty pills before we found her and in spite of all emergency treatment, passed away in about 24 hours.

"Mother was so sad. She felt that even though her own life had been miraculously spared, little Phyllis had been taken in her place. Nothing that was said could help her overcome her grief or forget her sorrow. She continually blamed herself for keeping the pills in the dresser where Phyllis had found them.

"A little later, my grandmother, who was a young woman at the time, developed cancer and was ill for several months. When she felt the end was near she called my mother to her and said, 'You must not blame yourself for your baby's death. When I am gone, I'm going to ask special permission to return to tell you why Phyllis was needed on the other side.'

"After grandmother's death, as my mother lay in her bed one night, this promise was fulfilled. Mother was wide awake at the time, thinking of little Phyllis when grandmother came into the room and stood beside the bed. She took mother's hand with a warm, comforting clasp and looked into her face. She told her not to grieve any more. Phyllis had been needed on the other side and that was why she had been taken. Grandmother said they were both very happy and all was well.

"Mother was consoled after this and had complete peace of mind. To our entire family her experience has been a beautiful testimony of the power of the Priesthood in healing the sick and in the reality of everlasting life."

Martinez Ward

James L. Sparks to French Mission; Vern D. Porter to Southern States

By Afton Hipwell

A farewell testimonial in honor of Elder James L. Sparks, and Elder Vern D. Porter was held Sunday, Mar. 12, in the Martinez Ward chapel.

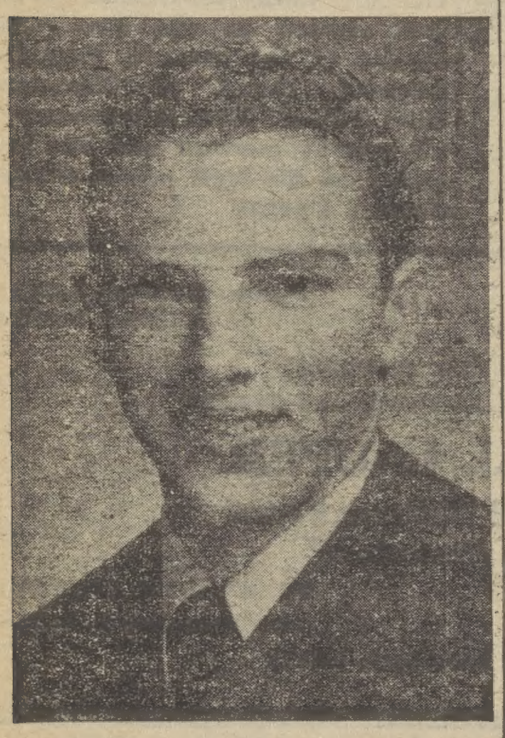
James L. Sparks, of 3900 Pacheco Boulevard, left Mar. 18, for Lyon, France, to serve two and one-half years in the French East Mission of the Church.

James is an elder in the Martinez ward, where he held offices of assistant scout master, ward athletic director, and deacons quorum advisor.

Born in Boise, Idaho, on October 19, 1941, James attended grammar school in Idaho, high school at Alhambra High School in Martinez, and one and one-half years at Diablo Valley College.

In high school and college he was a member of the band, and dance band, and was a student director of the Valley College Band.

He has a brother, Alfred E., of Concord and a sister, Patricia, living in Glendale.



EIDER JAMES L. SPARKS

ELDER PORTER

Vern D. Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Porter of 172 Ironwood Drive, Pacheco,, California left Mar. 18, for the Southern States Mission to serve two years.

Vern was born in Clarissa, Minnesota on Feb. 2, 1941. When he was seven the family moved to California. He attended local schools, graduating fram Pleasant Hill High School in 1959.

He has been employed as a junior clerk in the Oakland Bay Bridge Administration building for one and one-half years.

Vern, an elder in the Martinez Ward is a convert to the Church. He leaves a very enviable record in the ward. He acted as general secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood, secretary of the YMMIA, M-Men counselor on the chairmanship of the stake M-Men and Gleaner council. He also played on the M-Men basketball team that won the stake championship.

Vern has two sisters, Linda of Pacheco, and Delma of Sacramento.

Donald Eugene Nicholas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Nicholas was blessed Mar. 5. Valerie Lynn Knowles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Knowles was blessed Mar. 5. Valerie is a grand daughter of the Willard Knowles's.

Ray Albert, Jay Ernest Westmoreland, and Arlene Orner were confirmed Mar. 5.

Sister Loraine Lefler is ill and confined to her home in Port Chicago.

Hattie Vam Dorp is recuperating at home after a hospital stay, and Luella Parsons is home after a serious illness.

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San Lorenzo

Bryan Paul Hartley Ready for Mission, Opposition Helped

By Nell Smith

"I put opposition in the way of Bryan's mission deliberately. I wanted to be sure that he was equipped for the calling, morally, mentally, physically and religiously. I know now that he is."

These were the words of Charles A. Hartley, a non-member, whose son Bryan Paul has been called to the West German Mission. His farewell was held jointly by the San Lorenzo and San Lorenzo 2nd Wards, Sunday, March 12.

When Bryan, the second of five sons, expressed his desire to fulfill a mission for his Church his father withheld his sanction for some months to give Bryan time to study his reasons for wanting to perform this service.

DESIRE SINCERE

Gradually Bryan convinced his father that his desire was sincere and for a good purpose. He even persuaded his father to speak at his testimonial.

Bryan, whose parents are Brother and Sister Charles A. Hartley, was born in Salt Lake City and was graduated from Arroyo high school, San Lorenzo. He was a student at the University of California majoring in engineering when his missionary call came.

Others who participated in the services were Sister Hartley, Elder Richard R. Shumway, Elder Paul C. Miner, Bryan's grandfather, and his brother Bill, a BYU scholarship student, who came home for the meeting. Bishop Douglas P. Larsen conducted and addressed the congregation.

Prayers were given by Brothers George Jensen and Harry Burchard. Nancy Speed and Richard King offered vocal selections. Bryan, who left March 16, for the Salt Lake Mission home, has three other brothers, Charles, who lives with his wife in Oregon, and the younger boys Richard and James.

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San Leandro Ward

Ralph Ira Brown Only Missionary In Stake from San Leandro Ward

By Elizabeth W. Frye

Ralph Ira Brown, a convert to the Church, is serving as a missionary in the Hayward Stake. He is the sole representative from the San Leandro Ward.

The parents of Gary Lee Boetes have received several letters from him since his arrival in Johannesburg, South Africa. He is fired with the missionary spirit and is enjoying the work immensely.

He reports a very enjoyable trip to Africa. En route he stopped at New York for twelve hours where he and his companion were escorted around the city by Sister Boetes' brother, Horace, and his wife Mildred. Flight plans were changed in Rome, so Gary and his companion had eight hours to tour that city which they found very interesting.

Elder William Callahan of San Leandro Ward was advanced to the office of a Seventy by Elder Marion G. Romney at the last Hayward Stake conference. He has already been called to serve as secretary of his quorum.

Steve Dudley Pendley was ordained to the office of a deacon Feb. 26, by Russell V. Heath.

Thomas Edward Rose was baptized by Raymond Sessions and was confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints Feb. 26, by Robert H. Glissmeyer.

On Tuesday, March 14, the Relief Society had a party commemorating the birth of this organization one hundred nineteen years ago. The theme, "Relief Society Through the Years," was portrayed through the medium of four short plays very cleverly enacted in manner and dress by thespians of the Ward Relief Society. Musical numbers, songs and games were also an enjoyable part of the program. A luncheon of fried chicken, salad, hot rolls and cake was the finale to a fine party. Table decorations were done by Avon Peart and the dinner was prepared by La Fae Painter.

The Ward Relief Society will have a rummage sale on June 12. Relief Society officers ask everyone to save all unwanted items for this event.

MANY ILLNESSES

There have been several on the sick list recently. Sister Carolyn Turner has returned home from the hospital after an operation. Two of her children were hospitalized because of pneumonia. Sister Marjorie Berg was in the hospital for surgery. Maud McCulloch fell and broke her hip and is in the hospital. Sister Emily Brown is recovering from bruises suffered in a fall. Brother Berthel Thompson is home recuperating from a back injury he received several months ago. His wife Enid Thompson has gone back to Utah to be with her mother who is in critical condition with a chronic illness.

George Herrmann, the half-brother of Evelyn Fink, stationed at Fort Ord, has been transferred to Korea and will be leaving Mar. 25. He had hoped to be sent to Germany where he served his mission and learned the German language, but now feels there may be a purpose in this new duty and a chance to learn a new language.

PRIMARY CONFERENCE

Naoma Randall and Louise Bass are planning to attend the Primary Conference in Salt Lake in April. Naoma is president of the Primary and Louise Bass is her first counselor. The Primary wishes to thank all those who participated in the "travelling dessert basket" by which means money was obtained to make this trip possible.

The recent penny parade to collect money for the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake was quite successful. The Primary Association wishes to thank all those who gave so generously for this worthy cause.

A group of the "Mutual Marrieds" went to San Francisco on the evening of March 9, and saw the movie "Exodus."

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Interstake Center

Shirlee Kirk, 17, Solo Violinist at Honor Concert

By Iola K. Smith

Miss Shirlee Kirk, seventeen year old violinist, soloed last month with the East Bay Honor Orchestra at the East Bay Interstake Center. She is the great granddaughter of the Don L. Kimballs.

When Shirlee auditioned for this honor she had no idea she would win, and when she learned she had been selected from among the other contestants to play Mendelssohn's Concerto, it was comparable to the time she held and played her first Stradivarius.

The fine old instrument did not belong to her, only loaned to her for a single hour, an hour that will always stand out as one of those supreme moments that comes to everyone. "Created" in 1721, this 240 year old violin could have been owned by as many as six different artists, loved in turn by each for a whole lifetime. Whe were these six? It was some thing to dream on, so was the soft mellow music that came from the Stradivarius as Shirlee pulled her bow across its strings.

Shirlee, has been in training for seven years. Beginning in grade school, she advanced so fast and showed such evidence of talent, she was given private lessons under the tuition of Mrs. Barbara Rahm of Berkeley.

CONCERTMISTRESS

Shirlee was concertmistress during most of her junior high school years and repeated this by playing first violin during her three years in the Technicial High Orchestra. She was long a member of the Berkeley Young People's Symphony and she played for the San Francisco Children's Opera. For two season she played in the All-City Orchestra made up of the best talent of the junior high schools.

As many orchestras as these represent, she has been a member of as many as four at a time, and two years in a row after playing for Technical High's graduation class she has played for the graduation of the students at the University of California.

One of her most recent honors was being one of the winners in the auditions held for the All-Conference Orchestra that performed during the Easter Vacation at Santa Monica. The young musicians of this orchestra were contestants who came from as far East as Utah and Arizona and as far west as Hawaii.

"Most wonderful of all," said Miss Kirk, "was being chosen to play Mendelssohn's Concerto with the East Bay Honor Orchestra." She is concertmistress of this musical group. It is composed of the best musicians from this area's high schools, so they are all talented young artists.

Mr. Gehard Samuel, maestro of the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, (Shirlee is its youngest member) conducted this young group during its performance at the East Bay Interstake Center on Lincoln Avenue.

CONCERT MISTRESS—Miss Shirlee Kirk soloed at the High School Honor Orchestra Concert at the Interstake Center.

San Mateo Stake

'Make Daily Decisions Eternal' Counsels Elder Bruce R. McConkie

"Our daily decisions should be made on an eternal and not a temporal basis," counseled Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the First Quorum of Seventy, at quarterly conference of San Mateo Stake.

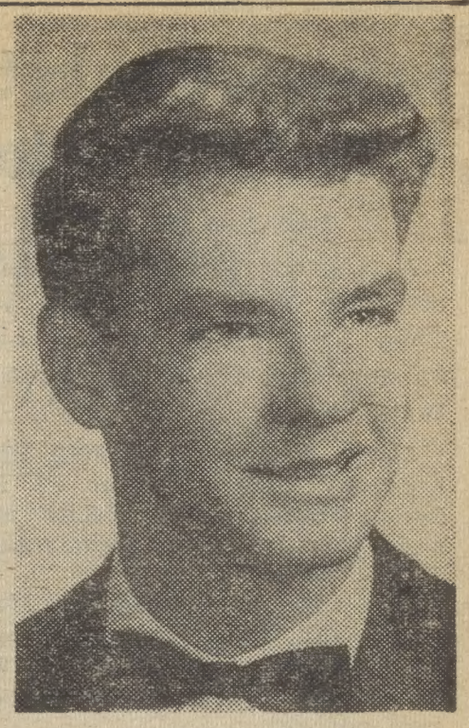
"Where our treasures are, there our hearts will be also," he warned, in telling the people "Not to lay up treasures on earth, but to accumulate treasures in heaven."

"Every day we make decisions: Shall I obey the gospel or go with the crowd? Shall I use money for pleasure or give it to the Lord's work. And if we don't pass the test on this earth we are throwing away a million years of pre- existent preparation and also throwing away all of eternity," he said.

President Warren E. Pugh of the Northern California Mission cautioned against the confusing of joy with pleasures. Pleasures often interfere with joy. An example is the temporary pleasures of an alcoholic which make his life a tragedy. Real joy comes from giving of ourselves, our time, talents, and worldly thnigs. The Church, he said, offers unlimited opportunity to attain joy through such service.

Stake President William L. Stoker spoke of the danger of blind conformity to the young people. When we think as a mob, we seldom think clearly, he said. Young people must be willing to think for themselves and avoid following the crowd just because everybody is doing it. They must be willing to pay the price to keep the faith.

James B. Jacobson of the stake presidency said that sacrifice is necessary now, as in Biblical Times. Our offerings are to be a broken heart and contrite spirit.



CHIEF JUSTICE—Tom Ferguson, 17, of Lafayette-Orinda Ward, was elected as the first Chief Justice of the recently organized Advisory Board of Miramonte High School. Tom is secretary of his priest's quorum and has been active on his high school Student Council 3 years.

Irvington Ward

Snappy Slogan for Building Fund Spurs Irvington Ward Activity

By Beverly Williams

"Begun in 61—Through in '62" is the slogan recently adopted by the Irvington Ward for its building fund drive. Bishop Groesbeck recently announced the purchase of the property where the new chapel will be built. The nearly three acre site in Irvington carried a $30,000 price tag, of which the local ward members must pay half. The ward has pledged to pay its share at $850 a month for 17 months.

Monthly ward dinners are paying the commitment. Each month a different auxiliary is in charge of planning the dinner. So far the dinners have been quite successful. They are not only taking care of the building fund commitment, but also helping members of the ward get better acquainted.

Gay Vincent and Janie Furkee are out of the hospital and back to our midst now. Gay underwent major surgery and was ill for quite some time. Janie Furkee was in an automobile accident, and was in traction for two weeks as a result of a "whiplash" injury. She is recovering, but still has a stiff neck.

R. S. CELEBRATION

The Relief Society celebrated its birthday this year in Irvington Ward with a dinner-dance. Features of the affair were entertainment and a buffet supper of turkey, ham, salads, biscuits and hors d'oeuvres. The recreation hall was decorated in a Japanese motif with indirect lighting and Japanese lanterns. Relief Society President Rose Winkel and her counselors, Anita Bodily and Gladys Clayson were responsible for the evening's success.

Babies blessed during the month were Mary Lyn McFadden, Gregory Tompkins Kip, Cindy Lee Cork, Steven Jeffrey Clayson, Albert Leonard Goheen, Dwayne Thomas Middleton, John Cannon, 2, Robert Cannon, 1, and Thomas Cannon, 5.

Ralph Eugene Sherman was baptised and confirmed a member of the Church last month.

BABY SHOWERS

There were many baby showers last month. At the home of Nyle Seavers, a shower was given for Ravena McFadden and her baby girl, Mary Lyn. Nancy Middleton and her new son, Dwayne, were honored at Donna Green's home. Twins were born in the ward last month—Julie and Jeffrey White. Valene Winters had a shower for them at her home.

The ward extends its wishes for a quick recovery to Sisters Isabel Marie, Lee Anna Burris and to Brother Freeman Palmer.

Ken and Wilman Steadman had a visit last month from Wilma's parents of Draper, Utah.

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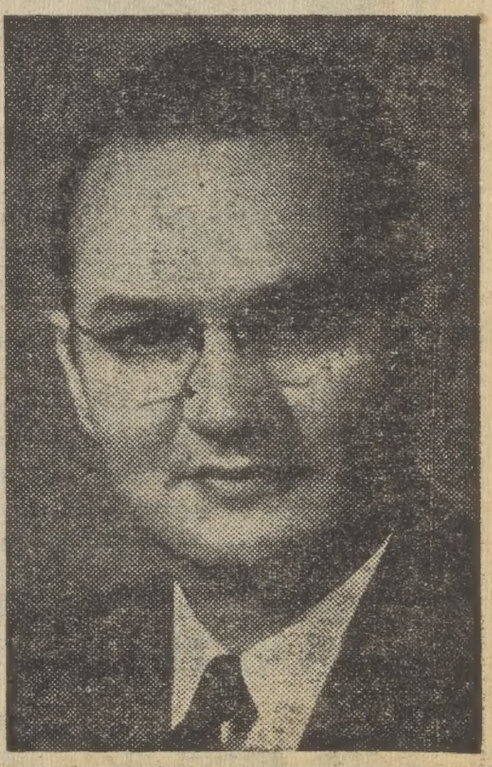

Balboa 2nd Ward

$1,000 Goal Set For Ward Dinner

By Lona Hawkins

There will be a goal of $1,000 for the Appreciation Dinner to be held Apr. 7, at Balboa 2nd Ward. A very good dinner has been planed, and the customary good food will be served. Suggested donation is $5.00 per plate. Arrangements have been made to have sitters at the Church for the children, one group for the older children and one for the very tiny ones.

Sister Grace Ransom was admitted to the hospital on March 20 She died the next day, and her funeral was held March 24. She was one of our oldest members, in her late 80's.

A farewell party was held to honor Garth Breckon just prior to his leaving for the armed forces. The party was held March 2, at the home of Jay and Charlene Wright as an open house for those in his age group who have been active with him in Mutual and other activities.

Balboa 2nd Ward Relief Society served luncheon at the March session of Stake Conference. There was a profit of about $150.00 to add to the ward funds. This has been quite a successful project of the ward for some time.

The elders quorum will be holding their rummage sale in the near future. Further details next month, but either hold onto your rummage or contact Grant Bennion to have it picked up and stored for you.

In the YMMIA Charles Naumann was released as age-group counselor and Rod Harris was sustained in his place. The YWMIA was reorganized with Charlene Wright as president, Carol Grimes and Joan Baird as counselors, with Luella Klifar as attendance secretary.

The Relief Society celebrated its 119th birthday in March with a ward program called "Let Us Remember Our Past Presidents." Carol Tueller organized the program assisted by Charlene Wright, Martha Morris, Bobby Loveridge, Anna Dean Baker, Carol Grimes, Ann Astle, Joyce Nay, Joyce Olson, Irma Williams, Annis Cook, and Maude Preston. Each was dressed as near as possible in costume for the president that they represented from 1842 to the present. Charlene Wright conducted the three and four year olds singing "Crossing the Prairie," with the little ones in sun-bonnets to suit the theme of the program. A luncheon was served under the direction of Celia Kendrick and Maude White.

The bishopric asked especially that their thanks be extended to all those who worked so well during the last sewing week at the welfare center.

NEW PALO ALTO SECOND WARD BISHOPRIC: Left to right: Robert McGettigan, second counselor; Bishop John Hopkin; George Holdaway, firrst counselor; Gordon Sundberg, ward clerk; and Max Jones, financial clerk. —Photo by James L. Davis

Palo Alto 2nd Ward

John Hopkin Sustained as Bishop, Holdaway, McGettigan Counselors

By JUNE DARBY

The Palo Alto 2nd Ward's leadership was reorganized on Feb. 19, with John Hopkin as bishop; George Holdaway as 1st counselor; Robert McGettigan as 2nd counselor; Gordon Sundberg as ward clerk; and Max Jones as financial clerk.

Bishop Hopkin was graduated from the University of Wyoming with a B. S. degree and later an M. S. degree in Agricultural Economics. He has his Ph. D. degree from Iowa State University and in presently Chief Agricultural Economist in the Economics Dept. of the Bank of America.

Bishop Hopkin served as a missionary in the East Central States. He has also been a counselor in the bishopric and served as a bishop for a few months in Laramie, Wyoming, before the family moved to California. His most recent position was on the High Council. The bishop and his wife, Bonita, have one daughter, Tana, and four sons, Arden, Mark, Kerry,

GEORGE HOLDAWAY

George Holdaway, first counselor, was graduated from the University of Utah and has a Master's degree in Engineering Science from Stanford. He is presently working as an Aeronautical Research Engineer with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Elder Holdaway was serving on a stake mission when he received his call to the bishopric . He has also served as elders' quorum president and stake and ward YMMIA superintendent. Brother Holdaway and his wife, Lorna, have 4 children—Larry Lee, Sheryl Lee, Steven Lee and George Lee.

Second Counselor Robert McGettigan, a graduate of the University of Utah, is the manager of a branch office of the First Charter Financial Corp. Brother McGetigan has been active in Senior Aaronic leadership. He has served as general secretary of the Senior Aaronics and as a member of the Stake Senior Aaronic Committee. Elder McGettigan has also been a stake missionary. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have 5 children: Colleen, Glenn, Kevin, Shauna and Daniel.

The ward clerk—Gordon Sundberg, and the financial clerk—Max Jones served with the former bishopric. Brother Sundberg attended New York University, and the University of Utah and graduated from Golden Gate College. He is presently office manager of the Stanford University Press. Brother Sundberg and his wife, Margaret, have two daughters—Melodie and Madeline.

Brother Max Jones, financial clerk, is a graduate of BYU and also did graduate work for one year at Northwestern. He is presently a statistical analyst with the Columbia Steel Division of U. S. Steel. Brother Jones was formerly the second counselor in the bishopric of the Bay Ward in San Francisco. He and his wife, Nita, have 3 sons—Stanton, Craig, and Michael.

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Redwood City Ward

'Dear To Heart' Birthday Theme

By Gay Taylor

The big table sitting in front of the Redwood City Ward Relief Society ladies at the annual birthday party, March 15, was loaded with flotsam and jetsam of many a bygone day—a sweater, a carved totem pole, some pictures, and a few doll dishes among other things. It appeared to be rummage until Naomi Bodily, in her talk "So Dear to My Heart" held up each item and in a magnificient tour de force explained what lesson it taught, what tears or laughs it represented to three generations of her family—and the rummage magically turned into treasures as everyone present was reminded of similar things tucked away in her own cupboards.

Other features of the birthday party were a song, "Among My Souvenirs" by Marcille Sorensen and a skit directed by Josephine Day.

The visiting teachers were presented with violet corsages.

The appointments of Melba Alsop as 2nd counselor of the Relief Society, Margaret Strickler as secretary, Florence Manno as social science teacher, and Ann Nielsen as magazine representative were announced.

PEACEFUL VALLEY—Danville Ward MIA youths present original one act play.

Oakland 2nd Ward

Jay Rounds Helps Start Branch, Richard Dunn Reports Success

By Betty Grommesh

Jay Rounds, Oakland 2nd Ward missionary in Finland, writes that after laboring in the city of Mikkeli in eastern Finland for the past eight and one-half months he has been transferred to Helsinki. He was sent to open the city of Mikkeli to missionary work in July and since that time has tracted the entire city of 40,000 people. He has had three different companions and has baptized five people into the Church. "Not many," he says, "but the ice has broken and a nucleus for a new branch of the church has been formed.

By Finnish standards the winter has been exceptionally mild, the lowest temperature was minus 24 degrees centigrade.

Jay's health has been excellent, perhaps somewhat invigorated by the sauna (Finnish steam bath) followed by a dip in a frozen lake.

Jay sends his greetings to all his friends in the ward, stake and surrounding area. His present address is: Sandelsinkatu 4.A.22, Helsinki, Finland.

BRITISH MISSIONARY

Richard Dunn, another of our full-time missionaries in the British mission, has been transferred since September to the Central London district. He has had many interesting experiences and several baptisms since entering the mission field.

Recently he had the opportunity of teaching and baptizing a family of six. In his letters to his friends and family he described the great thrill of visiting with President David O. McKay on his recent trip to London for the dedication of the Hyde Park Chapel in London. He enjoyed the organ recital given by Frank Asper and the music of the Singing Mothers.

Elder Dunn and his companion Elder Hall of Hooper, Utah, recently had their bicycles stolen while they were tracting in London. At this time they had other despairing incidents, but shortly after, they were able to convert one family of six and four others into the Church.

Temporarily they are living in the Romford Chapel. Elder Dunn's address is: 169 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex, England.

Thanks to members of our ward and others in the Stake, our organ recital was a huge success. Many people attended and stayed to tour the building and grounds. Mr. Mansfield was brought back for several encores, and Dorisse Coats returned until the string broke on her violin. She assured the people after the recital that the string breaking was not preplanned.

There were many people in attendance at the recital who were not members of the Church.

BASKETBALL TROPHY

We are very proud of our basketball team who won the Regional Sportsmanship Trophy. The team who beat us in the regional semi-finals went on to win the regional championship.

Our team had won 10 games in order to play in the semi finals. Our team coach, Truman Nethercott, is a former Bishop, active in the Church for many years and at present is working with the Explorer Scouts. Team members Richard White, Sheldon Clark and Stanley Sorenson were born and raised in the Church, William Vegel is a recent convert and Peter and Dino Anast are not members of the Church.

Walter Hendry, a member of our ward for one year and of Oakland 4th Ward for many years died March 7, in Oakland. His funeral was held in Oakland and his burial will be in Boise, Idaho. Brother Hendry was a seventy, had been married in the temple, fulfilled a stake mission and many other callings in the Church.

Donald Johnson was ordained a deacon recently. Rodney Whitesides was confirmed a member of the Church and Nancy Parkinson and Lorrine Jones were given blessings.

New members in Oakland 2nd Ward are Victoria Haiola from Castro Valley, John Drake from San Bruno, Hal Wright from Nephi 3rd Ward and Dirk and Paula Van Schoonhaven and their three girls from Santa Monica.

Danville Ward

'Peaceful Valley' Played To Ward

By Elizabeth O'Nion

A very outstanding one act play, "Peaceful Valley," written and produced by Vera T. Larson, with original music, was dramatized by the young people of the ward, Mar. 15, at the Danville Grange Hall. The cast included Allen Buskirk, Karen Hodge, Baron O'Nion, Kathleen Johnson, Gary Proctor, Marlane Ratliff, Larry Edgar, Karen Edgar, Jeff Kimball, Steve Proctor, Sandra Brown, Maureen Lynch, Robert Chaney, Anne Swenson, Kathy Kimball, Patrick O'Nion, and Carmelita Ortega.

In spite of several handicaps, including the use of an improvised stage, the scenery provided by Leonard Larson was most effective and the make-up by Pat O'Nion contributed to the success of the production. The musical direction of Eve Chaney was the added touch to a very enjoyable evening. For her concentrated effort and diversified talents shared with the Mutual, Sister Larson was presented an orchid after the performance as a token of appreciation.

The Relief Society had their Birthday Luncheon celebrating the 119th anniversary of its organization. President Grace Clark gave a brief summary concerning its origin and Kathy Schofield talked on what it should mean in our lives today. Leah Pearson and Eve Chaney sang a duet, accompanied by Joan Peterson.

The Relief Society is having their annual money raising event, April 28, which will be a Luncheon is Served and fashion show at the Alamo Women's Club. Tickets are currently on sale for $2.00, and reservations can be made by calling VE. 7-4625, Elizabeth O'Nion, or YE. 5-4145 Grace Clark.

Brother Cummings took the explorers into the Chevrolet plant in Oakland and they were able to watch the process of a car being assembled. The boys agreed that along with the interest and enjoyment it provided, it was educational as well.

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San Leandro 2nd Ward

Back from USAF, Miller Called To Eastern French Mission Duty

By Charlene L. Hathaway

Arnold Miller has just returned to the San Leandro 2nd Ward after being in the service for three years. He was with the Air Corps in Key West, Florida. After one week at home he received a mission call to Eastern France. He will be in the mission home in Salt Lake about Apr. 25.

Another daughter arrived Mar. 3, to join the Glenn Case family. She has two other sisters at home, Diana, three and a half, and Debra, two and a half.

GOOD RECORDS

Three young ladies who retained their bracelets after a year of perfect attendance were Arlene Miller, Cathy McHenry and Jane Hansen. They were given necklaces and if they obtain perfect attendance throughout this year they may also keep the necklaces.

Marjorie Davis was released recently from her calling as organist in the Sunday School. She has served faithfully in this job for years. She has found it necessary in her nurses' training to be away a number of Sundays.

June and Robert Nissalke are parents of a girl born Mar. 19. She also has a very proud brother awaiting her at home, Steven, 9.

Richard Bednar and his bride were home for a few days from the Brigham Young University. Richard has been doing some teaching there this semester.

Sister Agnes Nelson, wife of Wilford, fell Mar. 16, and fractured her hip. She and her husband were returning from the Aaronic Priesthood class that he conducts on Thursday nights for the Senior Aaronic members. She is at Eden Hospital and reported to be doing fine after surgery. She expects to be home within two weeks.

Clark Murphy, a member of the Stake High Council is recuperating at home after an operation.

David Jordon Rust is also recuperating from recent surgery.

Larue Duffin, another member of the Stake High Council, is at Eden Hospital, recovering from a mild heart attack.

Richard McQuain and Roger Daniels Chamberlain, who are in the armed service, visited at the Ward's various meetings on Sunday, Mar. 19.

FESTIVAL DIRECTORS PREPARE—Dance directors from Hayward Stake get together to go over the rountines they are preparing for the May 20, District Dance Festival to be held in Santa Rosa. They are, from left, Linda Lyon, assistant stake dd Frank Rowe, stake dance directors, and D'Ann Eva La Bronte assistant director, Esther Rowe annd Frank Rowe, stake dance directors, and D'Ann Downey, San Lorenzo 2nd Ward dance director.

The "Hey Dey Frolic" all-girl dance is one of the more difficult of the dances scheduled. Sign-up deadline for this dance is April 8, so girls who desire to participate must decide soon. All participating wards must submit final lists of participants no later than the April MIA leadership meeting. A Stake festival will be held May 6, at the Interstake Center.

Alameda Ward

Elder Sterling Nicolaysen Released, George A. Pinckney, Sr., New Bishop

By Lue Seavers and Donna Rice

There was an air of suspense at Alameda Ward sacrament meeting on Feb. 26, when President Stone and his counselors were in attendance for we feared the inevitable and it happened. Bishop Nicolaysen was released. Bishop Nicolaysen served the ward for four years and as President Stone pointed out there was much proggress and growth during that time. The bishop and his wife Vivian and children endeared themselves to everyone who knew them. We hate to see them leave our ward and stake, but we are happy about them getting a new home in Irvington, and we wish them complete happiness and success. We hope they will visit the ward often.

Bishop George A. Pinckney, Sr., is Alameda Ward's new bishop. His counselors are Ralph Lane and William B. Schow who also served four years as counselors to Bishop Nicolaysen. We welcome Bishop Pinckney who is well known in the ward. He served as a counselor in the bishopric many years ago to Bishop Wendell Jensen, and was on the Stake High Council. He and his wife Violet have been willing workers, and are loved and respected in the ward.

Margaret Liebhart flew by jet to Ithaca, New York, to greet their first grandchild, Paul James Eagar, son of Beverly and Lynn Eagar. Lynn is attending Cornell University. Grandpa Paul remained home and is hoping to greet his namesake in the near future.

UTAH TRIP

Oscar and Mildred Fontano spent a delightful three weeks in Utah. Seeing the snow was beautiful, but Mildred liked to view it from the window.

Mary Jane Patterson is able to be up and about again. It is good to see her at the meetings again.

The church was filled to capacity with people eager to show their love and appreciation to Bishop Nicolaysen and family Sunday evening, March 12. After sacrament meeting a farewell party was held in the recreation hall. Pie and ice cream were served, but we doubt if the bishop found a free minute to eat it because he was kept busy shaking hands and bidding goodbye.

Relief Society's Birthday party was held March 17. Sister Helen Ream gave a book review after which a delicious luncheon was served under the direction of Lorene Powell.

ESCAPES INJURY

Kendall Clayson was fortunate enough to escape injury, with the exception of a few bruises, when his car rolled over and came to rest bottom up while traveling on the Eastshore freeway. Fortunately Kendall had let two girls out of the car at their destination shortly before. The car was nearly demolished.

Horace and Katie Taylor, of Los Angeles, spent a week in Alameda with Katie's sisters and families, the Claysons, Hughes and Seavers.

Tom and Marjorie Stam have a new family addition, a boy born March 15. He weighed 8 lbs. and 10 oz. and they named him Randal James. Tom slipped a disc in his back so was in the hospital in Irvington with Marge when the baby was born.

Jack and Patricia Daniels have a second daughter born on Washington's birthday. She weighed 7 lbs. and 2 oz. They named her Diane.

Two baby showers were given this month. One for Beverly Lord and her daughter and the other for Betty Frazier and her son.

The Young Married's had a progressive dinner. It started March 18 at the Jack Daniels' with appetizers, the Garnold Frazier's for soup, Gary Rohrbaugh's for salad, the Joe Morris's for the main course and last to the Jack Miller's for dessert.

Marion Gooch and Anna Mae Zundell's mother is here for a visit from Idaho.

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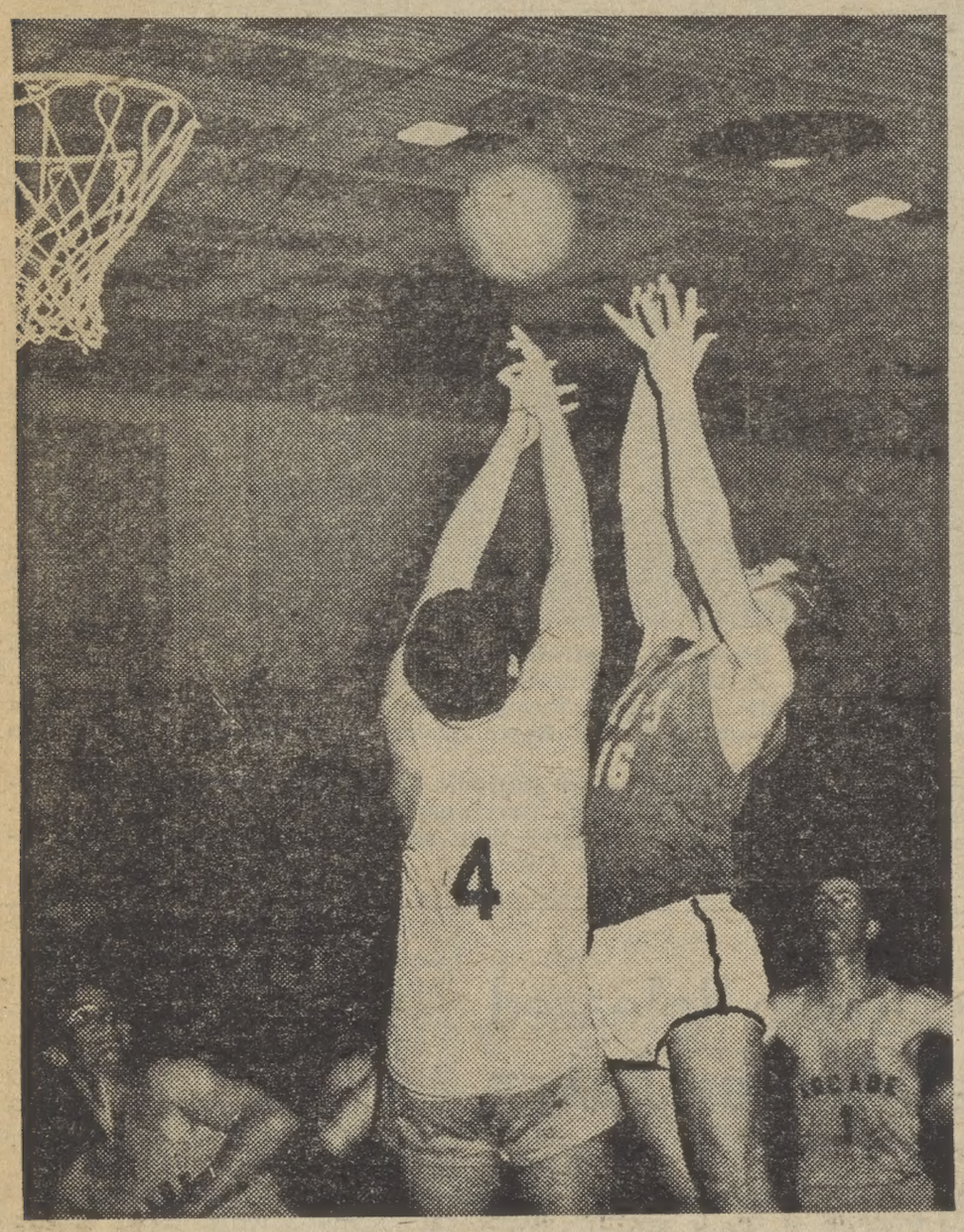

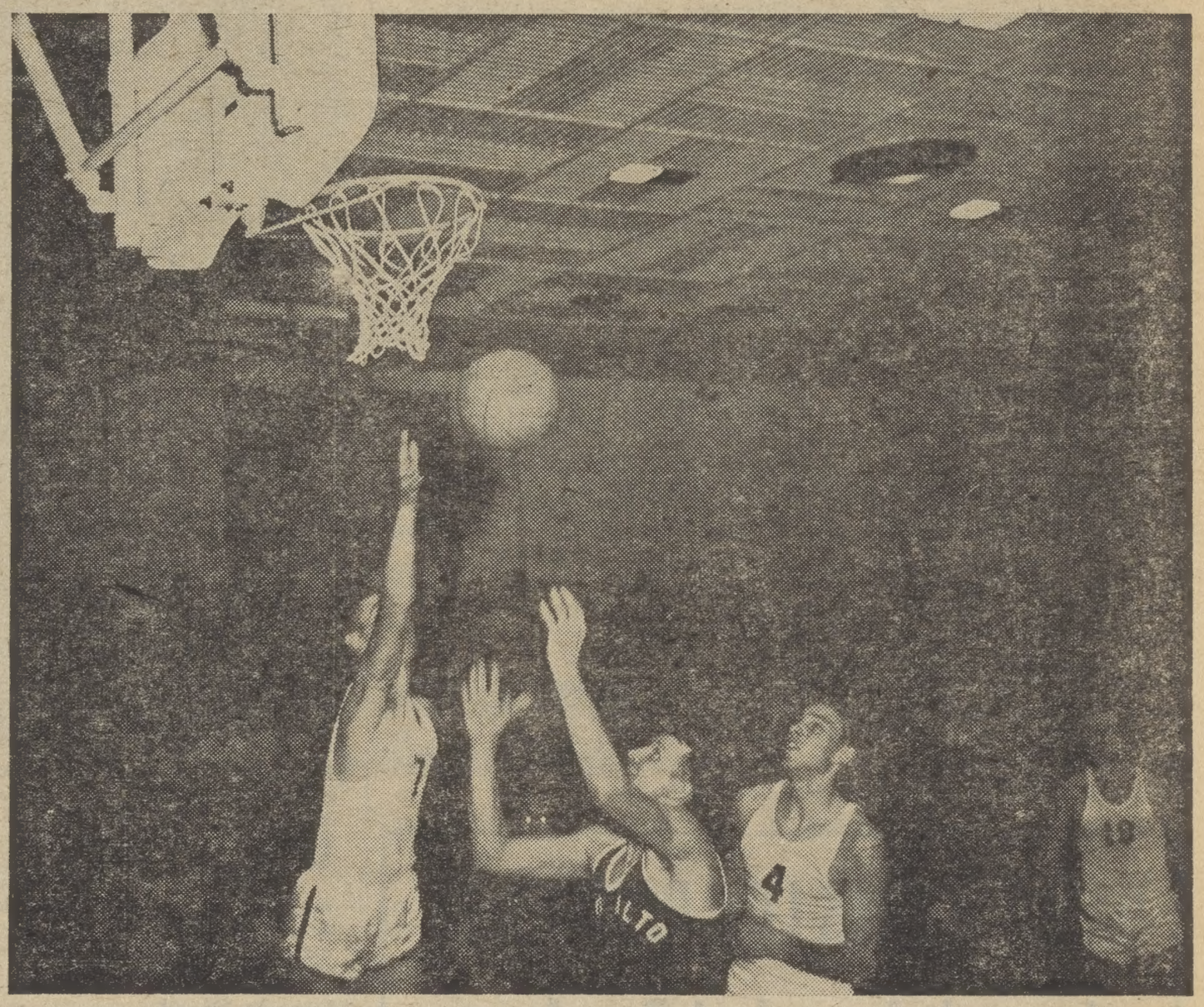

DIVISION TOURNAMENT ACTION—(Left) Two Junior M-Men cagers stretch up for a rebound during the final night of playoffs held Feb. 23, at the Interstake Center in Oakland. We understand that No. 4 got the ball. . . at least his team won the tournament, and goes to the All-Church playoffs in Utah

(Above) A Palo Alto Ward forward drivesin for a lay-in as he is closely guarded in the final game of the M-Men divisional playoffs, Feb. 24. The Palo Alto team won the coveted trip to Salt Lake City for the All-Church tourney.

In addition to awards for the winning teams, awards were presented in each age group for good sportsmanship and to the most valuable player in the tournament.

GOLD and GREEN BALL DEBS

American Beauties

Young Ladies Bow At P.A. Stake Gold & Green Ball

By S. W. Taylor

Three dozen-stemmed American beauties were presented to the theme of "Symphony of Spring" at the new Palo Alto Stake Center, at the annual Gold and Green Ball.

It was the first time the magnificient Stake Center, due to be dedicated in May, was used for this occasion. The recreation hall, which contains a regulation basketball court and a stage of professional size, easily accomodated a crowd of some 2,000.

The hors d'oeuvres were supplied by the wards of the stake, each ward furnishing a table. Dance music by Johnny Vaughn and decorations by Opal Millar carried out the spring theme.

Girls presented were, by wards: Sunnyvale 2nd, Nellie Borman, Nancy Jensen, Judith Klassen Emanuel, Linda O'Brien and Janice Taylor; Sunnyvale 1st, Ronda Dexter, Bonnie Emerson, Daren Mead, Marilyn Sneddon, and Betty Sonnichsen; Los Altos, Mary Smith, Vickie Susick, and Sharon Terry.

Mountain View, Sharon Brooks, Mardean Johnson, Sue Rugel, and Jorene Tuttle; Palo Alto 2nd, Carol Astin, Linda Edwards, Joy Harvey, Kristie Kizer, Dana Morris, Janet Quandro, Phylis Salacka, and Connie Walters; Palo Alto, Irene Allen, Madeleine Coublucq, Kaye Petty, Joan Ray, Chrystal Stock, Sally Thurman, and Norma Verhaaren; Menlo Park, Shirley Crofts, Elizabeth Eastman, Susan Larson, and Linda Orton.

The ball was presented under the supervision of YWMIA President Donna Fletcher and YMMIA Superintendent Charles Fletcher. Co-chairmen were Walter Muir and Ida Smith. Ruby Haight, Evelyn Donaldson and Gordon Jenson comprised the presentation committee.

SYMPHONY OF SPRING—Fairest flowers of the spring season ar e the lovelies presented at the annual Gold and Green Ball. These beauties were honored at the first such event held in the new Palo A lto Stake Center.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH CENTER—Three members of the San Mateo stake use facilities of research center in Redwood City Gay Taylor checks a Kansas City telephone directory, Joyce Rhoades studies a microfilm record of a Kentucky tax list, and Grace Waggoner types up a family group sheet.

San Mateo Stake

Genealogy Research Center Grows; Small Start Now Complete Library

San Mateo Stake's Genealogy Research Center wasn't planned. It just sort of grew. And it still is a family affair, privately financed by a dedicated couple of Redwood City Ward.

It began when Grace Waggoner, a convert with her husband, Karl, began on her genealogy work several years ago. Instead of hiring research work done, she figured it would be cheaper in the long run to buy a microfilm reader.

She kept it in a closet, but people came around to borrow it, and becoming engrossed in research, sometimes stayed until two or three a.m. So Grace Waggoner installed it in a shed out back, that had been used as a chicken coop, garage, and storeroom.

Now the center, bright with paint and with wall-to-wall carpeting, contains hundreds of telephone books, books of tax lists, land grants and regional census. It has 135 rolls of microfilm, containing locational material from almost every section of the United States, excepting New England. "Almost everything," Grace Waggoner says, "not already well covered."

NO DUPLICATIONS

In gathering material, she cooperates with the genealogical center of San Jose Stake, so that there are no duplications.

The center specializes in Kentucky material, since it was the gateway, through the Cumberland Gap, to the midwest.

How much work was involved in transforming the former chicken coop into the Genealogy Center is impossible to ascertain. The Waggoners did it all themselves, enlisting the help of two teen-age nephews, Kenneth and Johnny Mathieson.

While it is a family project, there is an air of formality at the center. "Part of the effort," Grace Waggoner explains, "is to teach methods of orderly research." The system of call slips was copied from that in the St. George temple.

SMALL GROUP SHEET

In her work, Grace Waggoner developed a family group sheet form on typewriter-size paper that can be kept in an ordinary three-ring binder. This is for personal use, before the material is transcribed to the larger sheets to send to Salt Lake. The small sheets can be used in any typewriter, including portables, and constitutes a permanent personal file.

"I'm afraid I've neglected my own genealogy work in helping others," she says sadly, in explaining that she has only 2,000 family group sheets on the Farris family, 1,000 on the Waggoners and 500 on the Howards. Also, serving two stake missions in the eight years since her conversion has cut into her time.

The slogan of this do-it-yourself project is, "If you're going our way, you're in luck." In addition to feeling lucky, Grace and Karl Waggoner are finding true joy along the way.

Sunset Ward

Edgar K. Furbush Baptized in S.F. By Son-in-law

By Jean Lauper

Brother Edgar K. Furbush has joined his wife and children in membership in the Church. His son-in-law, Charles E. Rhodes of Portland, Oregon, came down to baptize and confirm Brother Furbush on March 18. Also with the family for a short visit are their daughter Barbara Rhodes and her baby Leah Dee Ann.

Sunset Ward celebrated the Relief Society birthday at a party on March 15. Sister Mabel Nalder spoke of her trip to Europe and Russia, taken last fall. Musical numbers were given by a chorus directed by Helen Pollack, and a luncheon was served.

Kathleen Walton flew to New York early in March to meet her fiance Paul Desmond. They planned an immediate marriage.

Mr. Desmond is a well known San Francisco entertainer and has been filling engagements in the east. Future tours will take them to the North East and Alaska, and in the fall, to Europe. While there Kathleen will continue her voice studies.

Hyde Park Ward

London Bishop, Kenners Related

Bryan B. Gardner, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kenner of Berkeley, has been set apart by President David O. McKay as bishop of the new Hyde Park Ward in London.

Bryan, son of Doctor M. B. Gardner, is a convert to the Church. He wandered into famous open air forums of Hyde Park and wandered from meeting to meeting until he was attracted to a group of young American preachers. This led to a long period of study and his eventual baptism into the Church.

He was educated in London and is a professional newspaperman and radio correspondent and at present is advertising manager for a group of laundry and cleaning establishments in London.

Bryan married Katherine Kenner in the London Temple. They have an infant daughter, Shannon. Katherine's father, Lee Kenner, is director of the LDS Institute of Religion in Berkeley.

David Cummings Book Released

David W. Cummings, Oakland Ward, is the author of a book written at the suggestion of President McKay and just being issued by Bookcraft.

The title is "Mighty Missionary of the Pacific" referring to the church building program in Polynesia. The title derives from the far-reaching effect of the building program on the spread of the gospel in the areas where it has functioned.

Beginning as a grass roots movement on a tiny South Sea island, the building program has within a decade spread to four continents with plans to extend it to the fifth. In the process it has revolutionized much of Church construction.

The labor missionary system, backbone of the program, has not only achieved amazing tangible results, but has proved a spiritual phenomenon in furthering the individual progress of the workers and of the Pacific missions.

"Mighty Missionary of the Pacific" recounts how the labor missionary system was started in 1950 in the construction of a school in Tonga, then spread to Samoa, then to New Zealand and finally expanded with the building program to include Australia, Fiji, the Cook Islands, Tahiti and Hawaii. Just recently it has been launched in England, France, Germany, Scandanavia, South America, Central America and Mexico.

A cardinal feature of the book is a Roll of Honor—a list of all the labor missionaries both local and from the mainland stakes, who have served in the Pacific. It is one of the proudest rosters in the annals of the Church.

Mr. Cummings is waiving all royalties on the book, diverting them to a scholarship fund for the Church College of Hawaii. He is donating two years of work on the book to the fund.

Millions of dollars in construction has been completed by unpaid, initially untrained labor. Nearly 2,000 labor missionaries, including over 200 supervisors from the United States, have carried on the program. The supervisors have taught the local workers various crafts, taught many of them English and helped them to learn as they built.

"Mighty Missionary of the Pacific" contains a dramatic narrative of the founding of a complete community—Temple View in New Zealand—as an essential to the construction of the Temple and the Church College of New Zealand.

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JANUARY WEDDING—Norman K. Barber and Karen Marie Smith were married in the Los Angeles Temple Jan. 20. They were honored at a reception held in the chapel lounge of Oakland 3rd Ward.

The bride is the daughter of Olga Violet Smith and the late Walter M. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Barber of San Francisco are parents of the groom. The couple are living in San Francisco.

Oakland 4th Ward

Relief Society Birthday Party Held

By Marjorie Hawkins

A luncheon and program was held in the Oakland 4th Ward Chapel to celebrate the 119th Birthday of the Relief Society organization. The event was under the direction of Myrtle Famariss, captain of the Maxwell Park Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Sister LaVern Bain, Captain of the Alameda County DUP's was in attendance.

The program included harmonica selections by Sylvia Cary, a brief history of the Relief Society organization and its general presidents by Barbara Martin. Vocal solos by Elder Wiggle, accompanied by Elder Loveland, and also Jeanne Ely, accompanied by Bonnie Croft. Fern Nelson gave the history of Lorin Farr, and Dorisse Coats rendered two violin selections, accompanied by Betty Allphin.

Marjorie Hawkins, daughter of the first bishop of the ward, Robert T. Paine, paid a special tribute to all presidents of the ward Relief Society with an original verse about each. All former presidents were in attendance except Bea Larsen who is deceased.

Honored guests, the past presidents were: Mary Partington, Melvina Earl, Iva Turner, Hattie Robinson, Ardelle Woods, Lilleth Williams. Our present President, Jill Dysart was unable to attend, but is recovering nicely from her recent operation. Each of these ladies was presented with an orchid corsage in appreciation for their service to the sisters of the ward.

The luncheon was served by Sisters Britting, Forseman and Macuallay and decorations were done by Marjorie Dean, Vicki Savage and Barbara Martin.

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Claremont Ward

Elders Stage Storage Foods Dinner Party

By BETTY MOSS

Members of the 4th Quorum and their wives attended a most unique dinner in March. At the party a delicious dinner was served which had been prepared completely from dried and storage food items. One of the purposes of the evening was to encourage everyone to get a supply of food by a demonstration of its fresh taste and quality. The evening included square dancing and some social dancing. George Warford was general chairman. He was assisted by Kimball Hansen. The dried foods were supplied by Berkeley Survival, Health and Storage Foods.

"The Bird on Nelly's Hat" was presented by the MIA dramatists on March 21. Dorothy Bench directed the production. The cast included Irene Fowler as Nelly, Marjorie Banks, Rose Berry, Callen Estrada, Pamela and Carol Buss, and Karen White. Special thanks go to the Sandmire's for the use of their furniture!

The Relief Society is looking forward to its bazaar to be held May 5. Many hands are busy making attractive and useful articles to be sold. The organization will also sponsor a baked goods sale and serve dinner on that evening.

Roy Stephen has accepted the position of superintendent of the Sunday School. He has chosen Vern Teney as one of his counselors.

Clive and Jan Winters have moved to Lafayette. Jan was first counselor in the Relief Society, and Clive was the secretary of the elders quorum.

Dick and Carolyn Smith have also moved from our ward to Salt Lake. Carolyn has served faithfully as a Primary teacher while here. Dick leaves the MIA minus a dependable counselor.

Ruth Rich and Gary Tettengill were married Feb. 20, in a lovely home wedding. They will be living in our ward.

Byron and Norma Thinger had their first child this month—a baby boy. Also parents for the first time are Deanna and Dwight Powell. Their child is also a boy.

The Sunday School library recently received volumes 1 and 2 of the **Scrapbook of Mormon Literature**, written by Ben E. Rich. They were donated by his son, Francis W. Rich.

Sunnyvale Ward

Linda Kracht Wins 'Viewpoint' Award

Linda Kracht, alert Los Altos High School freshman and member of the Sunnyvale Ward, was awarded an impressive certificate from the radio station KCBS program "Viewpoint," Dec. 12, in recognition of the most interesting and best expressed student viewpoint for the week.

The purpose of the Monday night program is to provide an opportunity for high school students to phone in and express their own opinions over the air. During her three-minute time allotment, Linda commented that America's youth must awaken to the many threats facing democracy.

As a first-place winner for the week, Linda is eligible for further awards in the form of a $100 savings bond if her phone call is selected as the best of the quarter, or a $50 bond for second place.

As a Mia-maid in the YWMIA, Linda won the ward speech competition and she feels that it was her interest and participation in this contest which stimulated her to call "Viewpoint."

CUTE MODELS pose for the fashion show sponsored by Los Altos and Mountain View Wards. Photo by Melgar

Spring Fashions, Symphony Theme — Organ Benefit

Using "Symphony In Fashions" as a theme, the Los Altos and Mountain View Wards will jointly hold a melodious and eye-catching style show at the Palo Alto Stake Center in Menlo Park at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14th. The event is for a worthy cause—a pipe organ for the Los Altos chapel, which both wards use. In harmony with the theme of the show, sections of the Foothill Symphony Orchestra will entertain with a half-hour concert before the parade of fashions and will play again during intermission.

Wide Range of Styles

The styles, which represent the latest creations of designing men and women, cover a wide range—spring and summer dresses, sportswear, bathing suits, evening clothes, furs, and accessories. They will be worn by models of the "Loretta Young Way" modeling studio of San Jose and, in some instances, by women and children of the two sponsoring wards. The costumes have been graciously furnished by the Clothes Closet and Eve Young specialty shops of Palo Alto and vicinity.

Sister Omega Pulley, a professional fashion commentator, will coordinate and narrate the show. Her comments will be supplemented by an attractive brochure containing a program of the event and related information. Copies of the brochure are also to be mailed to the homes of all families in the Palo Alto Stake.

Refreshments Incuded

The evening's entertainment, besides having eye and ear appeal as already indicated, will include taste appeal also in the form of light refreshments at the conclusion of the show. To insure plenty of good seats the committee in charge, headed by LeRoy Kratzer of the Los Altos Ward bishopric, has obtained the use of the commodious Palo Alto Stake Center on Valparaiso Ave., in Menlo Park.

Because of both the diversified gala entertainment and worthiness of the cause, the sponsors hope for and welcome a large audience, including neighbors and friends as well as L.D.S. members. The present venerable and faltering electronic organ in the two-ward chapel is in urgent need of replacement by a high-quality and more durable pipe organ.

The suggested donation for the fashion show, in support of this cause, is $1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students. Tickets will be available from bishoprics of the Palo Alto Stake and many also be obtained at the door of the Stake Center on the night of the show.

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Berkeley 1st Ward

Gardner-Trussell Reception Held At Alumni House

Vilate Gardner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed S. Gardner of Berkeley 1st Ward, ,and Harold Junior Trussell of Salt Lake City were married at the Salt Lake Temple. Elder Theodore Burton officiated.

Vilate's wedding gown was of silk peau de soie. The fitted bodice was made with scalloped neckline, long lily-point sleeves, and deep pleats fashioning fullness at the back of the skirt. The hemline of the dress extended to a chapel train. Her silk illusion veil was gathered to a pearl-trimmed headdress.

Vilate wore the pearl necklace which had been Reed Gardner's first gift to the bride's mother, the late Margaret Pierpont Gardner.

White Elf roses and hyacinth were in the wedding bouquet.

RECEPTION HELD

Two days following their marriage in Salt Lake, Vilate and Harold received friends at a wedding reception at the University of California Alumni House. Bouquets of coral azaleas and tawny-toned snapdragons, carnations and bamboo adorned the Alumni House for the occasion. Gardenias and hyacinths and camellias decorated the cake table.

Mrs. Jack Robison of Buena Park was the matron of honor. In bridesmaid roles were Susan Boyack, Susan Cuddeback and Judy Odell.

All four attendants were dressed in sheaths of rust-colored satin brocade, illusion and satin of matching rust shade fashioned the attendants' headdresses, and they carried crescents of Talisman roses and mignonette.

The bride's gifts to her attendants were the gold stone necklaces which all four young women wore.

David Pierpont Gardner of Orinda was best man for his future brother-in-law, and Vilate's other brothers, James Dixon Gardner and Reed Pierpont Gardner of San Francisco performed the usher's duties.

BRIDE'S MOTHER

The mother of the bride wore a navy blue crepe model, to which she pinned her corsage of pink cymbidiums.

The bridegroom's mother was in avocado green lace, and wore brown cymbidiums.

Vilate's cousin, Rexine Gardner of Salt Lake City was in charge of the guest book.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone, life-long friends of the Gardner family, welcomed the guests at the reception.

Prior to the reception, the families of both the bride and bridegroom, and members of the bridal party were entertained at a luncheon which Mrs. David Cuddeback and her daughter, Susan, hostessed at the David Cuddeback home on Avis Road.

HONEYMOON IN S.F.

The bridal couple honeymooned briefly in San Francisco, then traveled to Salt Lake City, where they will make their home.

A Berkeley High School graduate, Vilate was Girls Assn, president, a member of the Spartans Club, while at school. She has been an active member of Berkeley 1st Ward all of her life, until she left to enter school in Utah.

She graduated from Brigham Young University, where she was active in the Sponsors Corps and the Program Bureau. She is presently employed in the state of Utah's Department of Education.

The benedict attended Utah State University and Brigham Young. He has served a mission for the Church in West Germany.

Vilate Gardner Trussell

Centerville Ward

Seminary Workers Enrolling Already For Fall Classes

By Verona Alvord

During the month of April, all Centerville Ward High School-age students and their parents will be contacted by members of the ward education committee. The purpose will be to enroll our young people in the seminary course which will start in the fall. This past year over half of the elegible students were not enrolled in seminary. We think this is possibly the fault of the parents if they do not encourage their sons and daughters and they make little effort to provide transportation.

Objections to the seminary program seem to be overcome when we look over the list of the students presently enrolled. These students maintain high scholastic standards, they are active in school sports activities, many are student body leaders and they are active in their other Church activities and above all, they are happy to be able to attend seminary.

RARE CHANCE

When the members of the education committee call on the students, some will give them an excuse but others will recognize this as one of the rare opportunities to prepare for adult responsibilities through a better understanding of the Gospel.

Parents must be willing to help by getting up with the students, preparing a good breakfast and by seeing they have transportation to the Church.

The Ward Relief Society held their annual dinner dance Mar. 10. This was an outstanding affair, with a Japanese Garden setting. Smorgasbord, a fine program and dancing completed a wonderful evening for the 95 couples in attendance.

The excursion to the Los Angeles Temple on Feb. 25, was a spiritual experience for the 37 people from this ward who attended. There were 98 endowments and six sealings performed by this group.

A beginning class in basic genealogy is being held at the ward every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This class is under the direction of Marie Eaton, and we all are invited to attend.

Margaret Jane Speraw and Earl David McOmber were baptized on Feb. 25, and confirmed the following day. The following babies were blessed this past month: Robert Ernest Jenkins, Timothy Elton Selph, Todd Cyril Moore, son of the Ernest L. Moores, and Eileen Sandholtz, the daughter of the Willis A. Sandholtz's.

The following were ordained to the office of teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood: Alton C. Meeks, Gilbert Beebe Anderson, Ronald Alton Meeks, Richard D. Haycock, and Clyde Martin Berry.

Redwood City Ward

Winifred Hulrey Bridal Shower

There wasn't a man in sight in the large gathering of women at the bridal shower given in honor of Winifred Varney, March 6, at the Redwood City Ward chapel, though a man was definitely at the bottom of it all.

Winifred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Varney, of Redwood City, married Wesley E. Hulvey, II, the man in question, February 9. She is a senior at Sequoia High School.

Wesley Hulvey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley E. Hulvey of Denver, Colorado. He is an airman in the U.S. Navy. Immediately following the wedding he left for a seven months' cruise to Japan, aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Midway.

Upon his return from the cruise, he hopes to be stationed at Moffett field, and the young couple plan to live in Mountain View.

Games, gift opening, and refreshments contributed to the fun at the frolicsome and colorful shower. It was given by Ethel Enger, Aileen Weaver, Nadine Wilcox, Marcelle Weaver, Vida Ross, Thelma Howard, Jerry Johnston, Eveline Cassell and Naomi Bodily.

Winnie's Laurel friends who assited with the gift unwrapping were: Diane Farnsworth, Francis Judd, Lynn Enger, Ann Sorenson, Sara Taylor, Judy Marshall, Judy Crouch, Malene Walkup.

Alameda Ward

Explorers Staff Ward Offices on Scout Sunday

Startled brethren of Alameda Ward found on February 12th, instead of the usual friendly personages of their regular Ward officers, the faces of green uniformed counterparts from Explorer Post 16.

The Senior Aaronic ward committee meeting started off the program at 8:00 a.m. Bishop (acting) Gordon Fralick directed his staff from dawn until dark thru all of the offices and chairs in the ward. Fralick's counselors were Carl Fonoimoana, first counselor and Ray Goodfellow, second counselor. Ward clerks were Terry Fralick and Rollin Podwys.

Zendell Hale of the stake YM-MIA, last month urged Alameda officers to promulgate this action in the Alameda Ward. Bishop Nicolaysen, set the wheels in motion with his bishop's meeting February 8 when all acting officers received instructions as to their duties and assignments.

Sunday School Superintendant Melvin "Jim" Call conducted all services with his staff assistants Robert DeCelle II, and Ray Carlsen; Nicky Pappas and Neil Buchan served as clerks. This staff visited, in turn, each section of the Sunday School to observe, in action, the teaching methods and topics being presented at each age level.

Each officer was selected by the explorer committee headed by Rex Shaw and the selection was made based on priesthood attendance, accomplishments in the priesthood, offices held and activity with the explorer post.

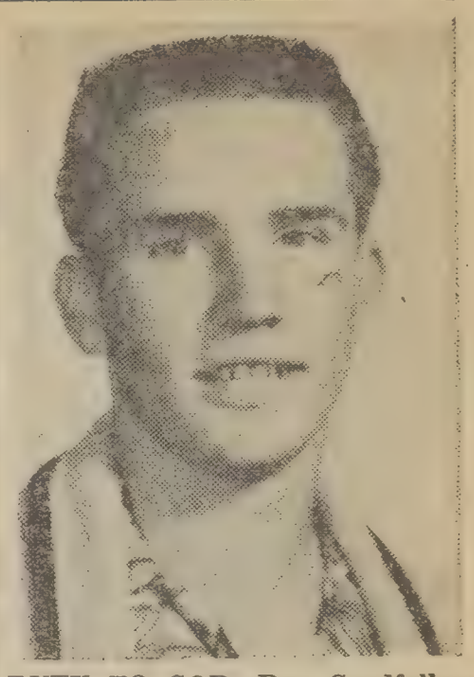
JOBS DONE WELL

The smooth manner in which each officer conducted his responsibility demonstrated that these young leaders will capably fill similar positions of authority in the future. Each officer demonstrated priesthood qualifications of the highest type.

Sacrament services in the evening found a uniformed chorus of the entire scouting family, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Explorers. Sacrament was passed by uniformed deacons in services conducted by First Counselor Carl Fonoimoana. The remaining portion of the meeting was turned over to Rex Shaw, explorer committee chairman.

Bishop Nicolaysen resumed his position to bestow the coveted "Duty to God" award on Ray Goodfellow. His remarks were closed with "This is only the beginning of your duty to God, not an award for the conclusion of very excellent service, that must, because of the priesthood you hold, continue forever."

Talks were given by Cub Scout Richard Brooks, Guide Scout Ronald Lane, Explorer Scout Melvin J. Call, and Scout Richard Call.



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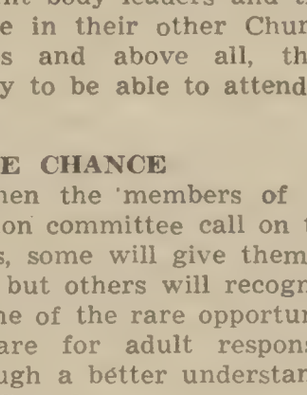
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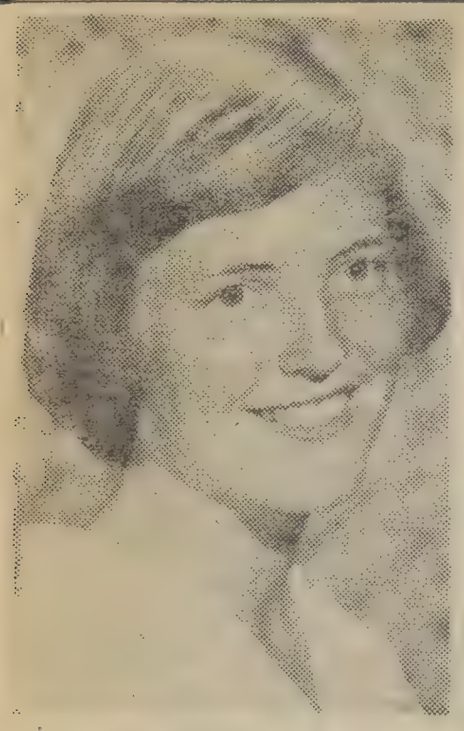


Miss Nancy Jean Rodger

Stanford Ward

Rodger-Weiler Betrothel Told

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Charles Rodger of Piedmont recently announced the engagement of their daughter Nancy Jean, to Mr. Peter Malin Weiler, son of Brig. General and Mrs. William Weiler of Salt Lake City.

Nancy graduated from the University of California in June. She was affiliated with Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She is now attending Stanford Graduate school and working for her masters degree.

Nancy has a sister Marilyn who attends the University of California.

STANFORD GRADUATE

The prospective groom graduated from Stanford University where he was affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity. He attended Palo Alto Ward and was Deseret Club president. He obtained an engineering degree from Stanford and is now working for his masters degree in business administration which he will obtain in June.

Peter fulfilled a mission to the Great Lakes Mission, and is now the organizer of ward teaching in his ward.

He has two brothers, Queed and William.

Peter and Nancy will be married in May in Piedmont, and then will journey to Salt Lake the following week for the temple ceremony.

Menlo Park Ward

"Duty" Award to Robert Lund, 16

By Angela B. Haight

Robert Lund, 16 year-old Teacher from Menlo Park Ward, received his Boy Scout "Duty to God" award in a special presentation on Fast Sunday, March 5.

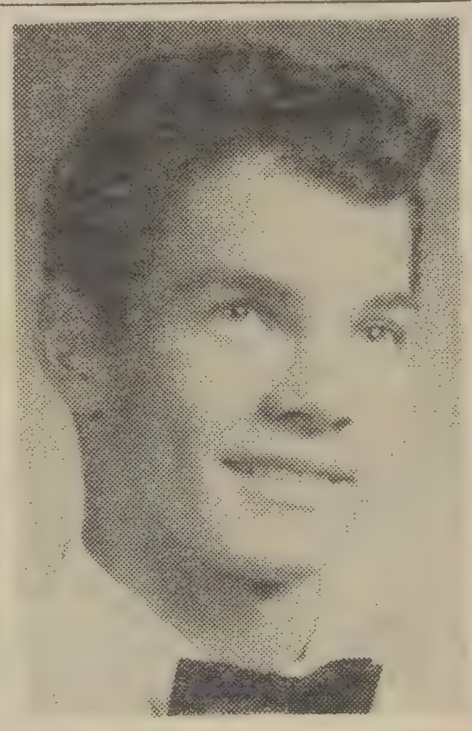
Bishop Keith E. Garner praised Robert for his faithfulness, explaining to the congregation that the award represented the culmination of four years of active Church participation. At least 75 per cent attendance at Church meetings is required, but Robert's average has been between 95 and 98 per cent over the past four years.

Bishop Garner also gave Robert a pin to give his mother, in recognition of her encouragement and help which made it possible for him to excel. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Y. Lund, 1054 Fremont St., Menlo Park.

A junior at Menlo-Atherton High School and a member of Troop 215 sponsored by the Church, Robert attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs last summer and was junior assistant scoutmaster of the troop for the trip. He hopes to attend the jamboree again this year, and he also looks forward to receiving his Eagle award soon.

Robert plans to attend Brigham Young University after graduation from high school.

Boy Scout Robert Lund receives "Duty to God" award from Bishop Keith E. Garner. —Photo by James L. Davis



SENIOR PRESIDENT Judd Hixson

Mt. View Ward

Judd Hixson Mt. View High Senior President

Recently elected as president of the Senior class at Mountain View High School is Judd Hixson, a priest in the Mountain View Ward. He and the other class officers will serve during the spring semester and will be graduated in June. Judd has also served his high school as sports editor of the yearbook and as quarterback on the varsity football team.

Judd's ward activities follow the same pattern. He is president of the Los Altos-Mountain View Wards seminary students and was pitcher on the ward softball team. Judd is employed part time at Robert Moore's Flower Shop in Mountain View. His college plans are indefinite as yet.

Judd is the son of Mrs. Jean H. Hixson and the late Paul J. Hixson. His mother is the city clerk of Mountain View. He has a brother Ronald, a freshman at Mountain View high, and two sisters, Margaret Hixson of Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Gary Welton (Geraldine) of the Los Altos ward.

D. ROSS McCLELLAN TO LABOR MISSION

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Besides serving as bishop for seven years, Bishop McClellan has served on three stake missions and served in several responsible positions. He has been active in Hayward Ward for nearly a quarter of a century.

He has been a general contractor since 1943, and has built schools in Southern Alameda County since 1948. He also has built the Hayward and Castro Valley Ward chapels, the Bishop's Storehouse, and the addition to the LDS Institute in Berkeley.

Sister McClellan is a native of Arizona and her family moved to the Bay Area in 1935. As has her husband, she has been active in the Church all her life, and has held many church offices, among which are both Primary and Relief Society president. She is the daughter of Patriarch Owen L. Stewart of the Hayward Stake.

She married Bishop McClellan in the Arizona Temple in 1937. They have five children: Delna and Norman, who are living at home; Sheldon and Sharlene, twins, who attend the Brigham Young University; and a married daughter, Norene Green.

A farewell testimonial was held Sunday evening, Mar. 26, in the Hayward Chapel, in honor of the McClellans.

WARD FETE MARKS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

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upon the extra zeal in wardrobe checking, hair brushing and all phases of personal grooming since. Joan Russon talked on the care of hair and face; Lona Mae Wyatt discussed general charm, along with posture and weight; Rama Lee discussed clothes, with emphasis on color. An extra large crowd attended Mutual to hear Dick Leonard, on the spot news reporter from KCBS tell the ins and outs of broadcasting. Questions from the floor were answered and all found it a worthwhile evening.

The relief Society celebrated its 119th birthday anniversary with a luncheon. The tables were decorated beautifully with camellias. Fern Christiansen and Elaine Jensen made and decorated a four-tiered cake in Relief Society colors. Fifty members and six stake board members atended. Mary Jean Dabis was general chairman.

Marjean Williams gave thoughts on the organization, history, and purpose of Relief Society. Doris Reed played the piano selections. A double trio consisting of Nola Mae Christiansen, Joan Groesbeck, Sally Applegarth, Blanche Cherrington, Joyce Henderson and Donna Curtis sang "By The Bend of the River."

PENNY PARADE

The Primary Penny Parade had an excellent response with a total of $237.11 collected, quite an increase this year. The Primary is working on the sacrament service they will present in May. All children and teachers will participate. It will show by song and demonstration what the Primary does for children. Elaine Beck will teach the five year old Stars. Joyce Anderson took her Trekkers to Diablo Park for a picnic.

The elders' quorum had a pot-luck Italian dinner with eighty people attending. St. Patrick place cards made by Donna Curtis decorated the tables, giving an international flavor. The dinner was followed by a program. Nico Snel, Jr. sang two songs; Max Beck played the violin; Gary and Vernett Jones sang two variety duet numbers after which Gary sang a solo. Gordon Landgren presented a skit "What's my Secret Ambition?" with Stanley Mann, Gordon Landgren, Ron Lodder, John Moore, Bob Craig and Donna Bench in the cast. Bob Craig and John Peterson were in charge of games. Darrell Williams was master of ceremonies for the entire evening. As usual it was a well-planned and successful party. The Danville elders are part of the quorum once again.

The seminary presented its annual sacrament service on the theme "The Bible Vindicates Mormonism." The speakers were Portia Pyle, Val Thomas, Derrill Dalby, Keena Krey, Randi Allred and Donald Jewkes. Celia Snel, Judy Green,, Portia Pyle and Suzanne Hilton sang a quartet number.

Stanley and Louise Mann had a baby girl Feb. 22, to complement their three boys. Gary and Vernett Jones are happy with a son and first child. New members in the ward are Donna Caright; William and Agnes Erwin; Morris Jepson; Jack and Sandra Stillwell and little Tamra; Clyde Goodenough; Richard and Wanda Fulkerson and three children; Richard Lawrence Lee and little son Richard John.

Mountain View Ward

Marilyn Kennedy Wed in Orem To Carl L. O'Gwin

By Katherine H. Embry

Now making their home in Mountain View after a honeymoon in Salt Lake City and Reno are Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. O'Gwin, who were married March 4, in Orem, Utah. Mrs. O'Gwin is the former Marilyn Kennedy.

The couple, both members of Mountain View Ward since last fall, were wed in a ceremony performed by Bishop C. Wilford Larson at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bench of Orem. Marilyn wore a gown of Chantilly lace over satin with fitted bodice, scalloped neckline, longpointed sleeves and full floor length skirt. Her veil of illusion was attached to a crown of pearls and sequins. She carried a bou quet of white orchids and stephanotis.

ATTENDANTS

The bride was attended by Mrs. Ben Shippen who wore an orchid brocaded taffeta gown and by Mrs. LeAnne Feller in pink brocaded taffeta. The attendants carried bouquets of pink carnations. The mothers of the couple were attired in the same shades as the attendants, Mrs. Bench in rose lace and Mrs. O'Gwin of Sunnyvale in orchid lace. Both wore corsages of vanda orchids. Donald Sorenson, brother of the bride, served as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bench, parents of the bride, hosted a buffet supper for the couple and bridal party following the ceremony. Later in the evening the couple were honored at a reception in the Orem 20th Ward recreation hall. Decorations carried out the pink and lavender color scheme and centered around a large double wedding ring. The parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. William C. O'Gwin of Sunnyvale, were hosts at a reception for the couple March 11, in the Sunnyvale 2nd Ward Relief Society room.

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San Lorenzo Ward

Primary Sponsors Fashion Show At Temple Hill

By Virginia Ringwood

Final plans are being made for the second annual Primary sponsored fashion show to be held at 1:30 p.m., April 22, at the Interstake Center in Oakland.

Theme of this year's event will be "Baghdad By The Bay" and fashions featured will be from Macy's in San Leandro. Models have been selected from each ward in the Hayward Stake under the direction of models chairman Ireta Wheeler.

Included in the list of models are Oneida Wilson of San Lorenzo 1st Ward; Sharon Tangren, San Lorenzo 2nd; Verna Jackson, San Leandro 1st; Doris Hansen, San Leandro 2nd; Marjorie Blout, Centerville; Gladys Clayson, Irvington; Melody Wilson and Susan Lyon, Hayward 1st; Sue Hickenlooper, Livermore; Dorisse Coates, Oakland 2nd; Mary Jane Root, Castro Valley 1st and Roberta Parry, Castro Valley 2nd Ward.

SHOW CHAIRMEN

Renee Taylor is general chairman of the show. She is assisted by Lois Debenham and LaRue Meine as co-chairmen.

Other chairmen include Margaret Beatty, refreshments; Anita Hills, decorations; Shirley Lucas, prizes; Mimi Bertola, publicity; Joyce Bodenhammer, program and Betty Neil, tickets.

Tickets are currently on sale at $1.50 each from the primary presidents of all wards throughout the stake.

Proceeds from the event will go to the ward building fund.

The 119th birthday of the Relief Society was celebrated with a luncheon at the San Lorenzo 2nd Ward.

The program under the direction of June Ellenberg included musical numbers by Marjorie Remington, Myra Kai, Jean Ely and Elaine Romer. Group singing followed.

The luncheon featured fried chicken followed by a birthday cake which was baked and decorated by Ruth Bigler.

The monthly ward friendly dinners, formerly sponsored by the various auxiliaries of the ward, will be sponsored by the membership which has been divided into six groups. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Downey will be in charge of the forthcoming event.

The Aaronic Priesthood recently sponsored a musical program at the church under the direction of Sister Harold Madsen.

JESSIE QUADRO became Mrs. LeRoy Shumway on March 31, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Palo Alto 2nd Ward

Jessie Quadro, LeRoy Shumway, Eternally Wed

Jessie Quadro, of the Palo Alto 2nd ward, became Mrs. LeRoy Shumway on March 31, in the Salt Lake Temple. Jessie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Quadro. A reception for the newlyweds will be held on April 5, in Palo Alto.

Jessie is a graduate of Cubberley High School in Palo Alto. Her awards at graduation time were many: Bank of America Business Award which allowed her to compete with Homemaking and Industrial arts students and she won the Bank of America Vocational Trophy; outsanding business student at Cubberley; Girls' Athletic Award Scholarship and the Kiwanis Club Girls' Sports Certificate.

Jessie and LeRoy were attending B Y U when they met. LeRoy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shumway of Thermopolis, Wyoming. LeRoy has attended USC and at BYU was studying agricultural economics. He has been on a mission to the East Central States.

While Jessie was in Provo, she did some modeling of hair styles. In her University Ward at BYU, Jessie was the bishop's secretary and head of the publications staff.

Jessie and LeRoy will reside in Thermopolis, Wyo., and they already have a church position awaiting them. They will be the youth supervisors for the youth program in the West Central States Mission.

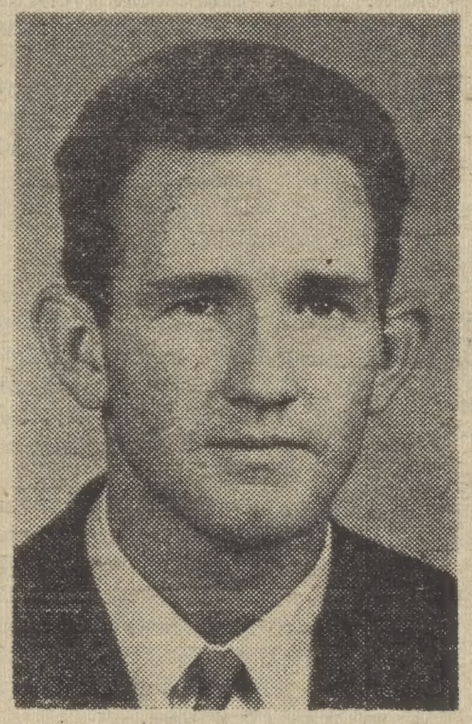
Oakland 4th Ward

Elder Gary Wood Goes to Uruguay

By Darlene Johnson

Elder Gary Wood of Oakland 4th Ward enters the field to labor in the Uruguayan Mission. At a farewell service held in his honor Elder Wood expressed his gratitude for this opportunity to serve the Lord. Elder Wood is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood to answer the missionary call. Their oldest son, Wayne, reports that the gospel is being eagerly accepted by the people in the Central American Mission where he is laboring.

We have had reports from other Oakland 4th Ward members in missionary service. Elder Frank Nackos writes from the Swiss-Austrian Mission that the "traditions of their fathers" is proving to be a big barrier in preaching the gospel to the people in that area.



Wayne Wood, in Central America

Elder Gary Wood

Elder Dan Buckley, serving in the Central Atlantic States Mission, reports that the new "referral plan" of missionary work is meeting with great success. Although Dan has been in the field only a few weeks, his labor is beginning to bear fruit in the tangible form of baptisms.

HAPPIEST PORTION

President Brigham Young said, "When men enjoy the spirit of their missions and realize their calling and standing before the Lord and the people, it consitutes the happiest portions of their lives."

The young men and women of the MIA are working hard to earn money to finance a trip to the Los Angeles temple in April to do baptismal work. So far their projects have included bake sales and implement sharpening. Ward members are asked to give their support to the young people in this worthy undertaking.

The birthday anniversary of the Relief Society, organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith "for the improvement of our manners, our dress, our habits, and our methods of living," was celebrated in Oakland 4th Ward with a special luncheon and program under the chairmanship of Marge Dean.

IS GENEALOGY WORK IMPORTANT TO YOU

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ties? "For their salvation is essential to our salvation," as Paul says concerning the fathers, that they without us cannot be made perfect, neither can we without our dead be made perfect." D.&C., 128:15.

"Man is that he might have joy," and there is no greater joy than being of service to our fellow men. It is a joy we can receive in no other way. It stands apart from all other happiness. May I ask what greater service could one person render to another than to contribute to his or her eternal salvation? There are multitudes of persons waiting in the spirit world for such service to be performed for them before they can make further progress. A common expression is,"Oh, I'm so busy taking care of the living that I haven't time for research and temple work." Have we stopped to analyze just what that implies? If we have, we would be more careful in making such statements.

PROXY ORDINANCE

Our elder brother, Jesus Christ, was willing to come here, suffer all the persecutions that were heaped upon Him and give His life that all the human family might be raised from the dead and have an equal opportunity to gain eternal life and eternal exaltation. He did this for us by proxy. We could not do it for ourselves. What kind of an excuse would it be if when you meet your great-great-grandparents and you tell them, "I was just too busy tending to the living," or "I just couldn't find your records" when they knew that a record of themselves and their family was on a shelf in the San Francisco library, or maybe on a film in the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, or that maybe through a letter to a relative you might have gained the information you needed. You just weren't interested enough to take time to find this record. How would you feel? You have had all the opportunities of this glorious gospel and the liberties of this free country. They did the best they could in the day they lived and now are looking to you, their descendants, to do for them that which they had no opportunity to do themselves. If they had lived in this age, they may have been very valiant in living the gospel and serving others.

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Dr. Beulah Allen Dean of Nursing

Dr. Beulah Ream Allen, physician-surgeon and nurse with long experience as a nursing supervisor, has been appointed dean of the Brigham Young University College of Nursing, it was announced today by President Ernest L. Wilkinson.

She will replace Miss Bernice Chapman, dean of the BYU College of Nursing since 1954, who will return to Colombia University to complete work on her doctor's degree. The change will be effective in August. Dr. Allen is now taking post-graduate nursing courses at University of California.

Nursing students are graduated from BYU with the bachelor's degree which equips them to take first-level positions in nursing. In the four-year program they complete the general education courses on campus as well as clinical experience in hospitals. This incudes fundamentals and comprehensive nursing in Utah Valley Hospitals, medical-surgical nursing at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, maternal-child health at LDS and Primary Children's Hospitals, psychiatric nursing at Utah State Hospital in Provo, and public health nursing in Salt Lake and Utah County Health Departments.

WW II HEROINE

Dr. Allen, a heroine of World War II, practiced medicine in the Philippines from 1933 to 1946. Her husband died in a prison camp and she was taken prisoner with 5000 persons. During three years in a Japanese prison camp they lived under severe conditions of starvation, fear and hatred. As their physician, Dr. Allen was in charge of all nurses and made an outstanding record in keeping many prisoners alive who otherwise would have died.

She received the bachelor's degree at University of Utah in 1928; R.N. at Illinois Training School for Nurses in 1922; and M.D. at University of California in 1932, serving her internship at Women's and Children's Hospital, San Francisco.

She was supervising nurse at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, 1922-23 and assistant superintendent and head of the education department, 1923-25.

Dr. Allen served as Utah State hospital inspector for nurse training schools, 1927-28, and practiced nursing in San Francisco, 1928-31, while attending medical school.

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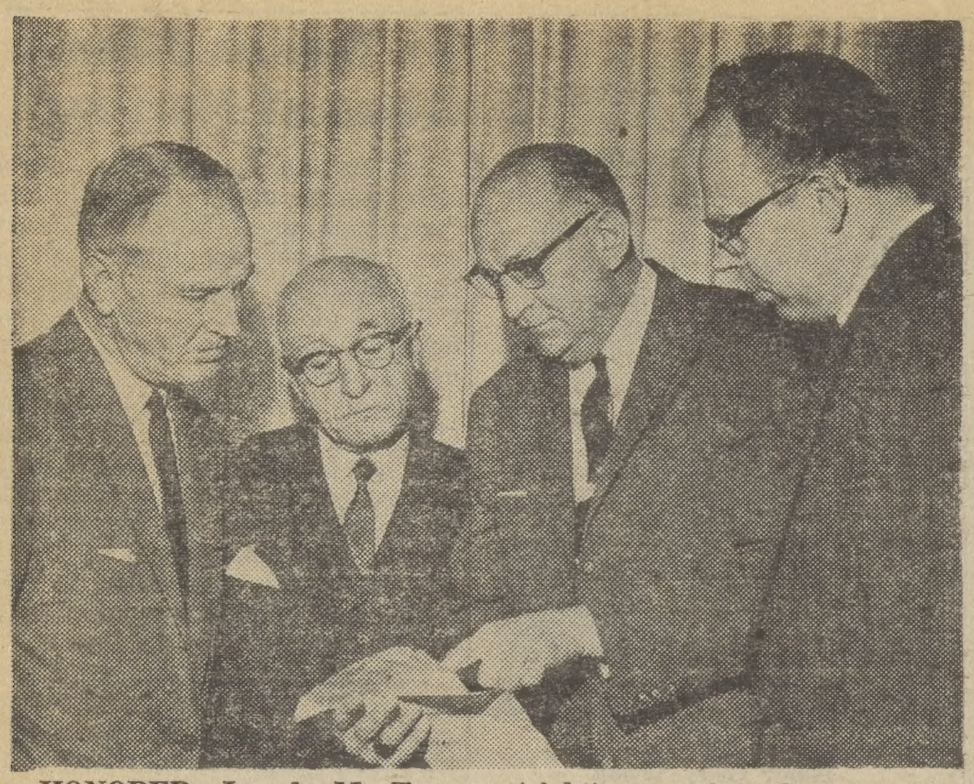


HONORED—Joseph M. Tanner (right), superintendent of the Castro Valley 2nd Ward Sunday School, was recently congratulated by Chairman of the Board, and President Clarence J. Myers of the New York Life Insurance Company (2nd from left), for having sold $1,300,000 of life insurance during 1960. Mr. Tanner ranked fifteenth in the entire Northern California, Nevada and Hawaii area.

Brother Tanner has been honored many times by his company for his outstanding sales records and is a member of the company's honor clubs.

Right to left are Mr. Tanner, Regional Vice President V. V. Van Leuven, Mr. Myers, and General Manager Richard R. Stewart of the company's Oakland general office.

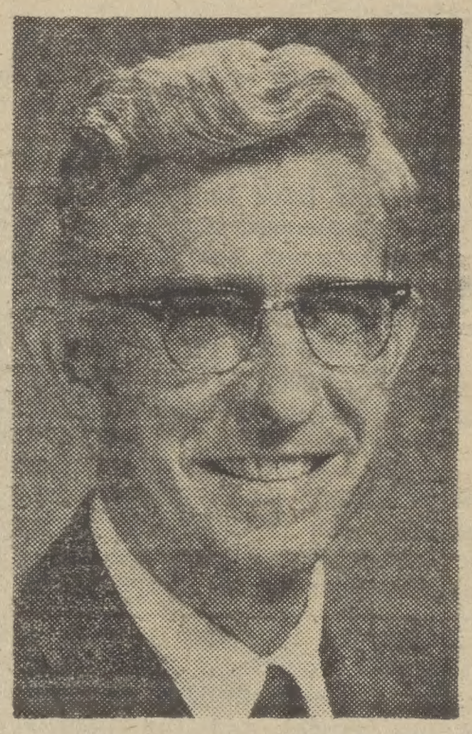
General Counsel

Conway Ashton Elected V.P. of Beneficial Life

Henry D. Moyle, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Beneficial Life Insurance Company of Salt Lake City, Utah, announced the election of Conway A. Ashton as Vice President and General Counsel for the Company at the annual Stockholders meeting held March 1, 1961. All other officers and directors were renamed at the meeting.

Virgil H. Smith, President of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company reported that 1960 marked a year of outstanding progress for the Beneficial Life Insurance Company. New insurance writen amounted to $75,341,862 which brought the insurance in force to a new high of over one-half billion dollars.

Mr. Smith also stated that the admitted assets of the Company are at an all time high and reached the impressive mark of $104,589,345. Stockholders also heard the report that the financial position of the Company has never been stronger. A policyholders surplus of $7,970,647 added to a stockholders surplus of $500,000 contingent reserves of $1,000,000 and capital funds in the amount of $1,000,000 makes the Beneficial Life Insurance Company one of the strongest companies in America.



Conway A. Ashton

The Company's policy of liberal treatment of policyholders is again manifested by the apportionment of dividends in the amount of $2,027,500 to be paid in 1961. $420,403.87 was added to the policyholders surplus as a result of the successful operation during 1960.

Members of the Board of Directors were re-elected as follows: David O. McKay, J. Reuben Clark, Jr., Henry D. Moyle, Joseph Fielding Smith, Harold B. Lee, Spencer W. Kimball, Marion G. Romney and Hugh B. Brown. Howard W. Hunter, Virgil H. Smith, Orval W. Adams, George J. Cannon, G. Marion Hinckley, W. Rulon White, Ernest L. Wilkinson, J. Alma Burrows, Eugene P. Watkins, W. LaMar Webb and Conway A. Ashton.

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University Ward

Muirbrook Wins Chem. Fellowship

By Anna Bushman

Newell Muirbrook has received the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Chemical Engineering. The announcement was made March 15, and the Fellowship is for the school year 1961-62.

Uwe and Louise Hansen are parents of a baby daughter born March 2, at the Alta Bates Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. Her name is Ruth Louise. Uwe's mother, Mrs. Minna Hansen, came from Provo, Utah, to be with them when the baby was born.

Carol Nielsen and John Franz announced their engagement on March 3, at a party given by Carol's parents in their home in San Francisco. John is a junior, studying dentistry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco. He is an assistant ward clerk. Carol graduated from the University of California last June and is working as a medical technician in San Francisco. She was an MIA counselor in our ward. Carol and John plan to be married in the Salt Lake Temple late in May. They will make their home in San Francisco.

LEAVE WARD

Larry and Barbara Behrmann and their young son of University Ward moved to Pennsylvania in February. Larry will do research work for Bell Laboratories there. Larry was our ward financial clerk.

Robert and Mary Criger also left in February to go to Brigham City, Utah. Bob has accepted a position with Thiokol Chemical Corporation. Mary was a counselor in the Relief Society. She had held that position since University Ward was organized.

Joe West recently returned to Berkeley and to our ward. He has resumed his duties as ward financial clerk. He spent six months in the army, stationed at Fort Ord and at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Heber Brown has been seriously ill for several weeks. He was in the U.C. Hospital in San Francisco, but has now returned home to recuperate.

WARD DINNER

Our annual ward dinner was held at Claremont Ward on the evening of February 25. The theme was "Fair and Warmer." Co-chairmen were Mary Kenner and Pat Farr. Working with Mary and Pat were Jan Bingham, Ann Reiche, Gayle Bringhurst, Jeannie Davis, Joe Jensen, Joe West, Susan Larson, and BarDee Stowell.

Renee Bird of Knoxville, Tenn. and Fred Spong of Ogden, Utah have announced their engagement. As yet, no date for the wedding has been set. Fred is working on his Ph.D. in physics at the University of California. Renee finished her practice teaching and received her teaching credential in February. She will begin teaching in Berkeley in the Fall.

Mary Richards and Bob Armstead have also recently become engaged. Bob is from Lincoln, Nebraska, and is working on his Ph.D. in physics at the University. Mary is from Riverside, Calif., and is teaching fifth and sixth grade at Lafayette. They plan to be married in Riverside in June and will live in Berkeley.

Also engaged recently were Gwyn Andrus and Reed Probst. Reed's dorm-mate, Dave Peterson is engaged to Linda Johnson. Both announcements were in The Messenger last month.

Genealogy Class Registration Now

Special genealogical classes will be conducted for one week at the Interstake Center multipurpose room from May 22 through May 26. The courses will be taught by Derek Harland of Salt Lake City, co-author of the basic course books used presently in Church genealogy classes.

The course consists of five three-hour classes held for the week. The fifteen hours of instruction are available at a cost of $7 per person, an average of 50c an hour.

There are two classes, one for beginning genealogists and one for advanced students. The classes will be limited. Early application to stake or ward genealogy committees is advisable to secure enrollment in the classes.

The course is sponsored by the genealogical committees of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, San Francisco Stake and Walnut Creek Stake.

Kate B. Carter At DUP Convention

Daughter Kate B. Carter of Salt Lake City, Utah, was the special guest of honor at the Bay Area Daughters of Utah Pioneers Annual Convention held Mar. 18, in the Palo Alto Stake Center. The program commenced at 10 a.m. and was followed by a hot luncheon at noon. Many members of the DUP were in attendance and wore pioneer costumes.

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Temple District Progress Report

All Stake presidents of the Oakland Temple District will join in a special meeting with President McKay Apr. 8, at the Hotel Utah, in conjunction with general conference.

President McKay has called this meeting to get a progress report from the stakes involved in raising funds for their share of the temple costs. The Temple District Committee reported to the Messenger that it was receiving good response from the finance committees of all the stakes.

Paul Warnick, a high councilman from Oakland-Berkeley Stake, has been named executive secretary of the committee. O. Leslie Stone is chairman, with vice-chairmen David B. Haight and newly appointed W. Glenn Harmon.

Redwood City Ward

Shamrock Dancers Feature Star Cast

It was called the shamrock dance, but it looked like the can-can; and you would think the performers would be girls, but you would be wrong because the line-up consisted of 6 men - among them bishop of Redwood City Ward, John Weaver. The other members of this halarious skit performed at the ward party, March 10, were Bob Enger, Cub Ross, RussRock, Park Johnston, and John Cassell.

The six wives pantomined an orchestra, "playing" such instruments as an accordian, banjo, and guitar, while a tape recorder furnished the music.

A preview of the all girls' dance, to be given at the Dance Festival, May 6, in San Mateo and May 20, in Santa Rosa, was also a feature of this very successful Ward party.

San Francisco Stake

Temple President At Conference In San Francisco

Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, assistant to the Council of the Twelve and president of the Salt Lake Temple, presided over the Mar. 19, San Francisco Stake Conference.

Stake President Irven G. Derrick reported that the stake reached the highest percentage of ward teaching completed on record. This was accomplished during January and February.

Similar high percentage increases were reported for proselyting by the stake missionaries; visiting by Senior Aaronic Priesthood advisers; attendance at Primary, sacrament meeting, and Sunday School; and participation in genealogy work.

Results of the first quarter thus far show much greater activity and dedication toward reaching out to those who are inactive.

COMMENDS, CHALLENGES

In commending the stake, President Derrick also challenged the members to set aside each day 10 to 15 minutes for reading and contemplating the scriptures.

Elder Christiansen said, "If you would be eternally rich, invest in a human soul. This means the saints must fulfill the responsibilities undertaken at the waters of baptism. Of course," he said, "the responsibility includes sharing the great gifts which God has given the Latter-day Saints through revelation."

President Warren Pugh of the Northern California Mission outlined the first presidency's plan for sharing the gospel: President McKay has urged each member to bring one person into the Church each year. Elder Pugh explained that this can be done by inviting friends to meet with the missionaries who are prepared to teach. He said that the success of this program has been proven.

Other speakers at the conference were Willard B. Barton and M. Dale Ensign of the stake presidency, Sylvia Derrick, Peter Giles, Diane Aaron, Gerry Sherwood and Deforrest Green, bishop of the Bay Ward.

Head Resident

Melva Rainey at BYU Nurses Home

Melva Rainey, recently of Oakland 3rd Ward, was appointed head resident and housing director for the BYU Nurses Home at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. Her February appointment followed a two-week period as head resident only of the Nurses Home. Her duties now are to direct and supervise the BYU residence and also to place all the interns, laboratory technicians, and dieticians in private homes surrounding the LDS Hospital.

Sister Rainey was Messenger reporter for the old Dimond Ward and the Oakland 3rd Ward for some 10 years. She was also active in many other capacities in the ward during that time. She taught classes in the auxiliaries and especially helped the young people of the ward. She was active in ward and stake drama activities, her most recent Bay Area performance was in the tri-stake play, "Unsight, Unseen."

She served in several capacities in the county and camp offices in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers organization.

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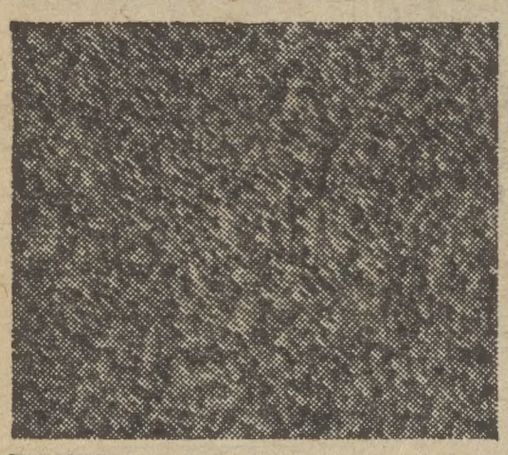

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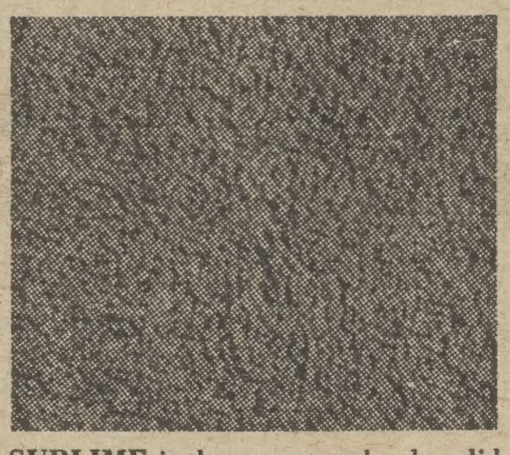

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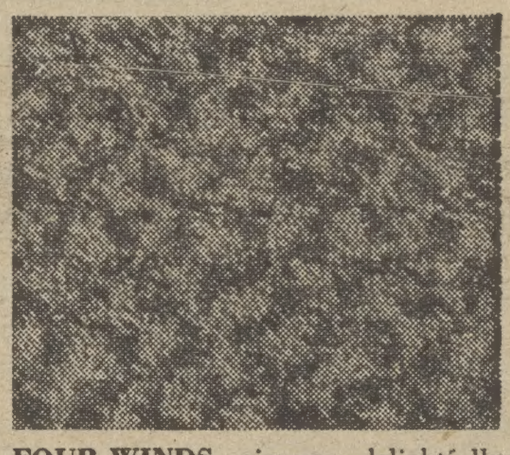

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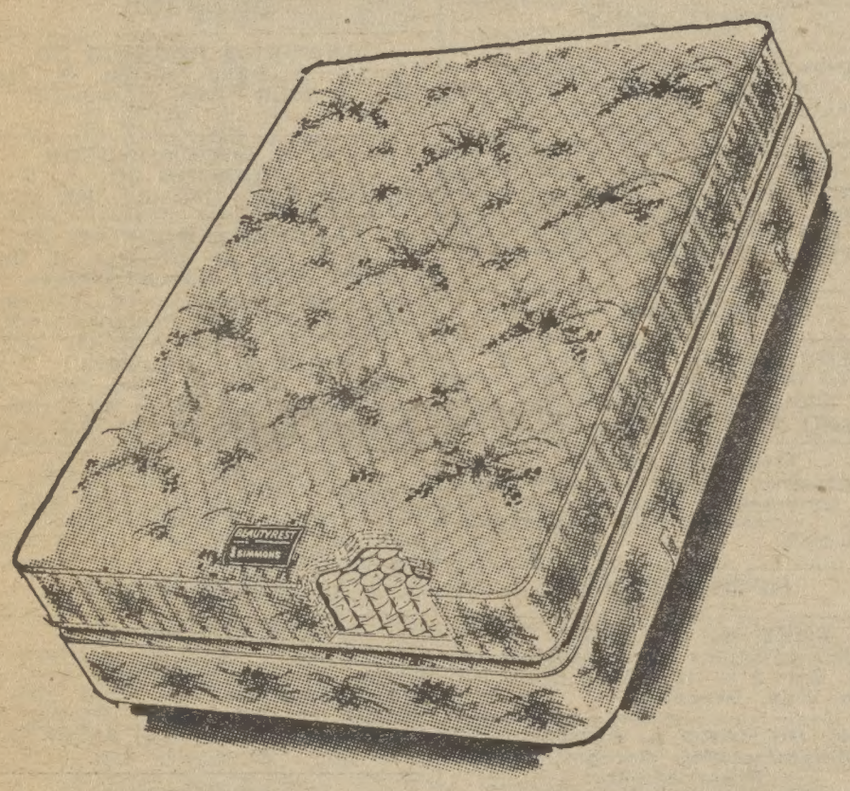

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